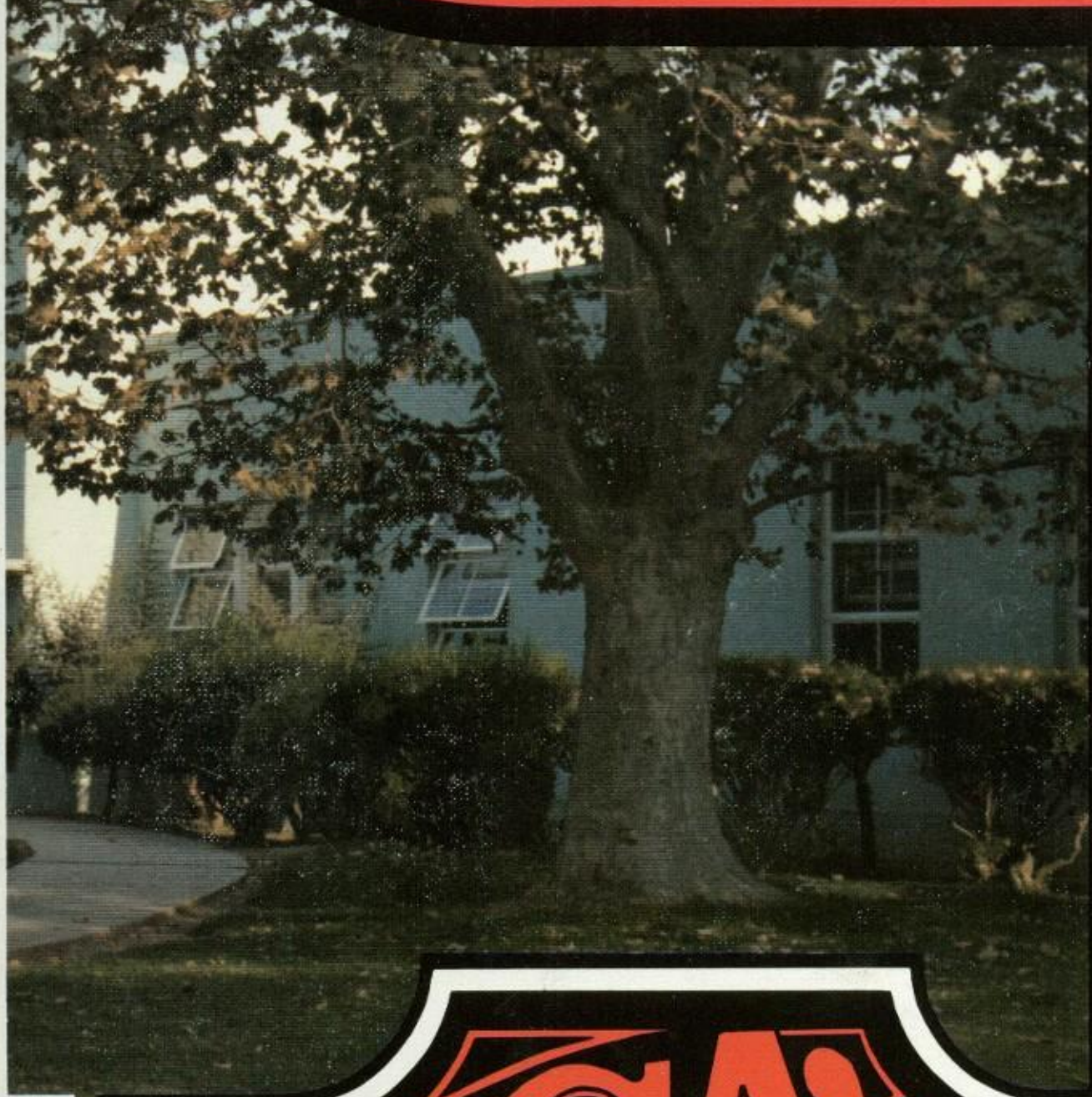




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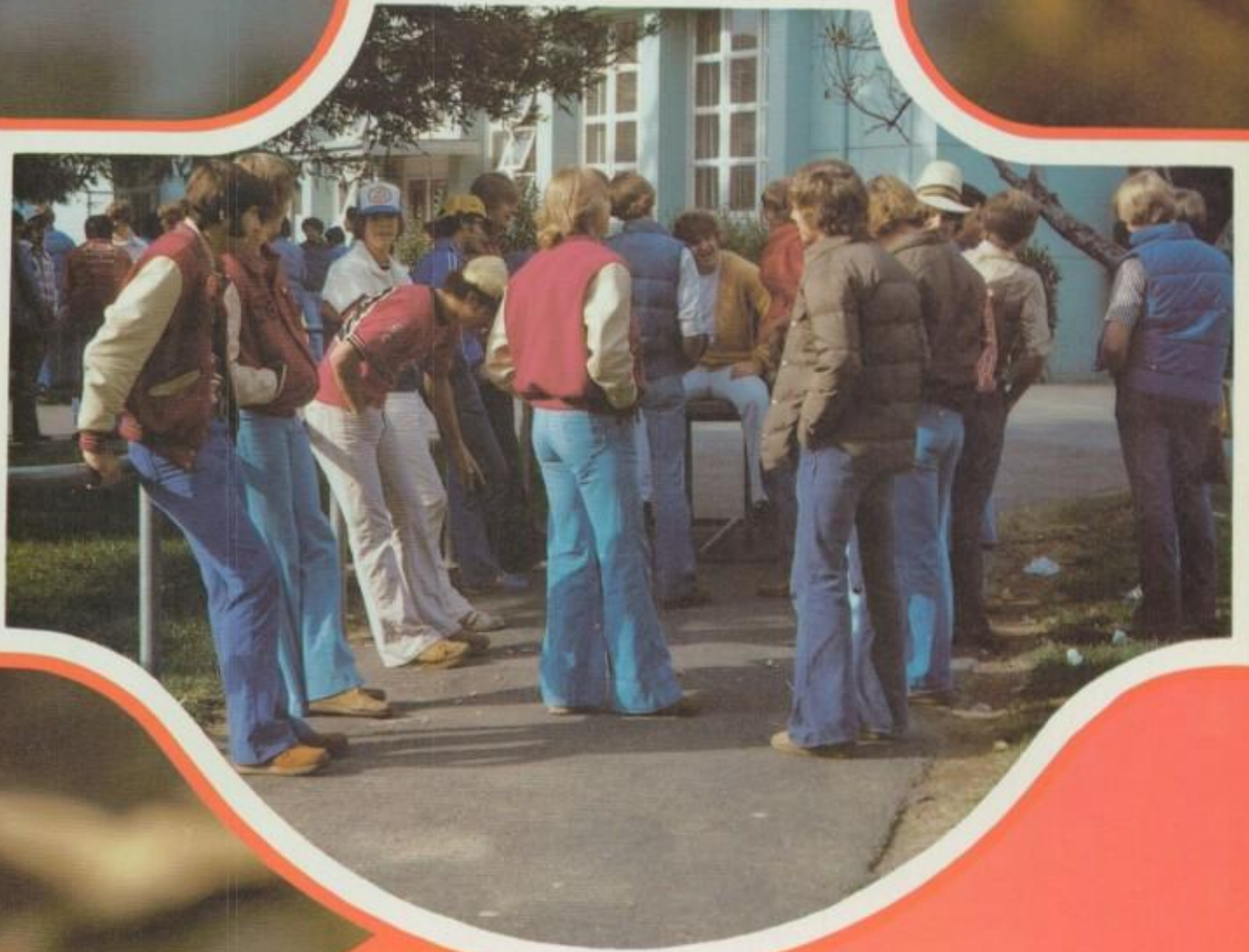
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Promoting school spirit is an important part of this devoted teacher's labors. The hours utilized in perfecting the talents of his many students often continue after most people leave for the comforts of home, yet his time isn't limited to school days. Whole weekends are also sacrificed, and free time finds him rehearsing with students who share his belief that 'practice makes perfect.'

Educated in Michigan, he is in his eighth year of teaching at MHS. Scheduling competitions, planning trips, and keeping things organized require a major effort, yet he has succeeded in attaining numerous awards and trophies as a result of his determined insistence on perfection. Recognition of that excellence came with the National Esprit de Corps award in 1977 and the British Columbia Bicentennial Band Championship in 1978.

It is with sincere gratitude and thanks for promoting a more unified student body as well as directing a spectacular half-time show that the year-book staff dedicates the 1979 Sycamore to a man who makes things happen: Mr. Gary Runsten.



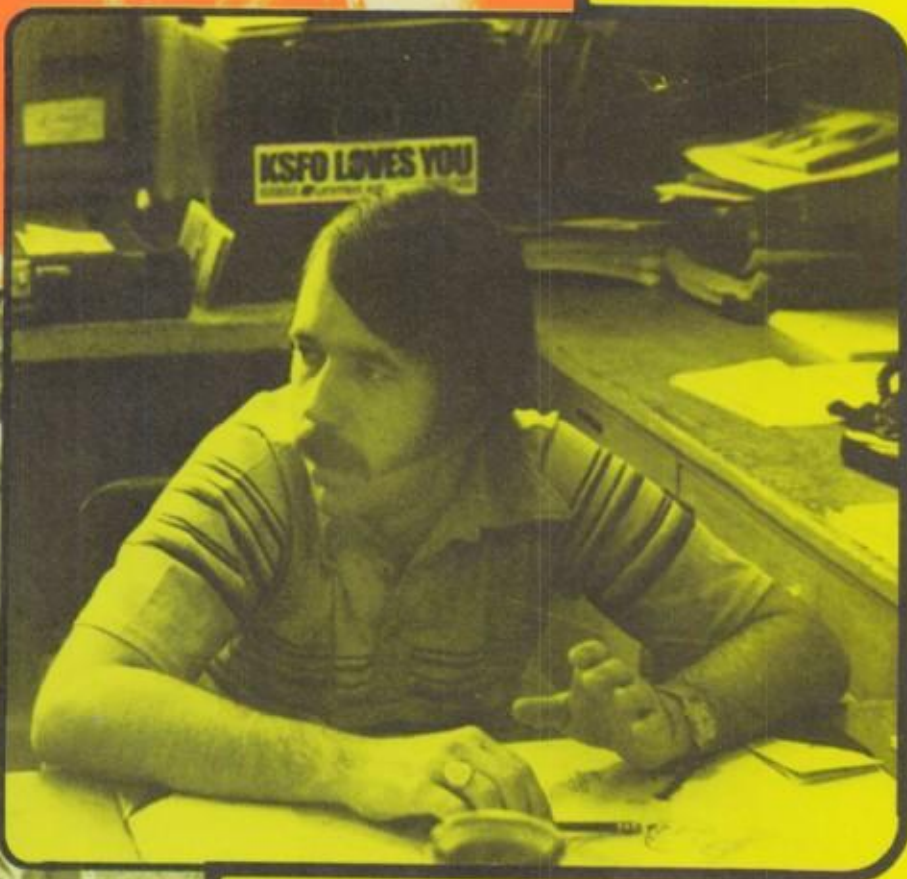
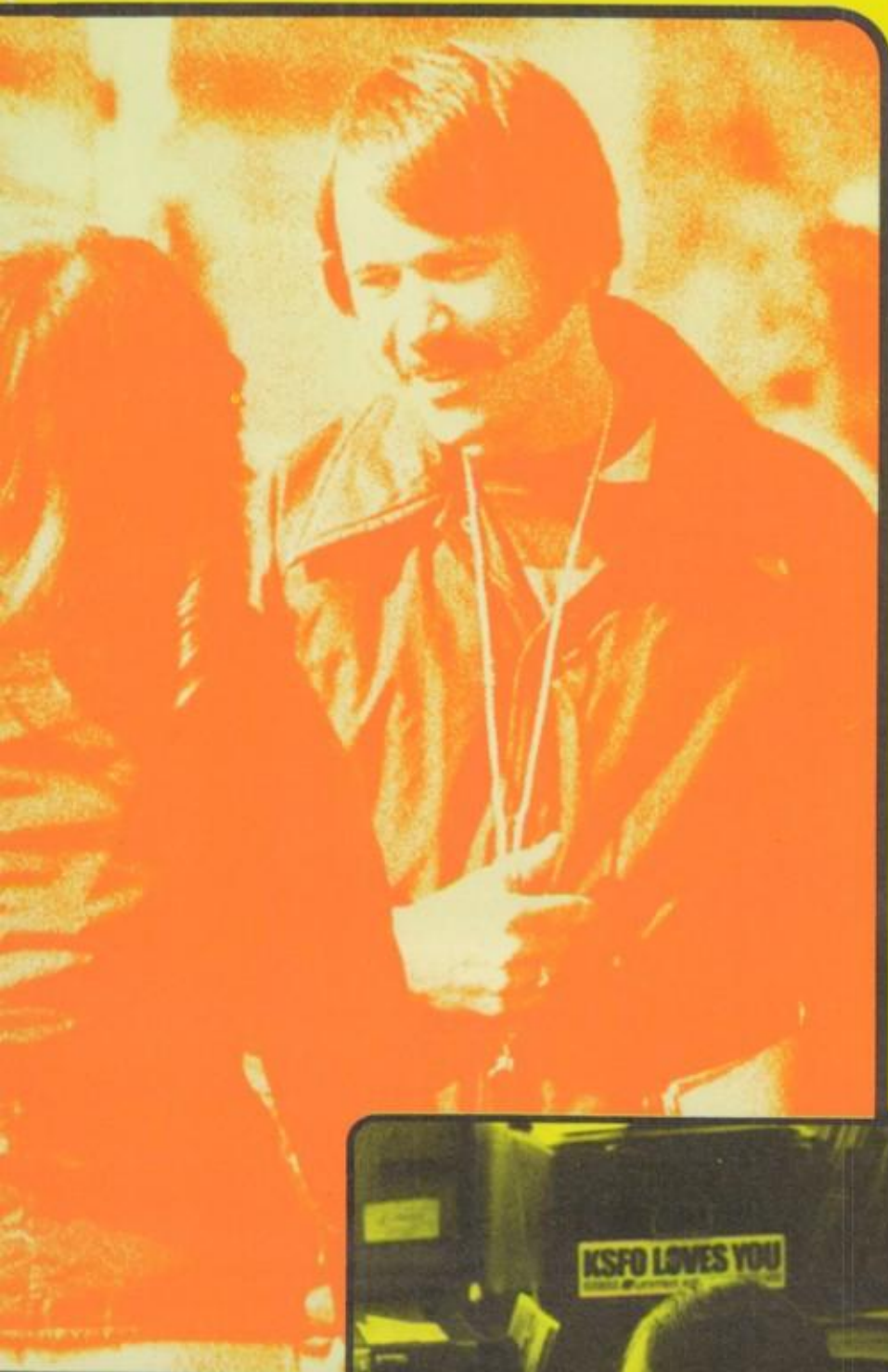
above: Looking earnestly and critically at the final band practice before a Saturday competition, Mr. Gary Runsten evaluates each section's performance.

upper right: Color guard captain Linda Isoni coaxes a laugh from 'Gary' as he pauses during a strenuously frustrating day.

far right: Mr. Runsten retired from his position of District Instrumental Music Chairman so that he could devote all his attention to the MHS Band.

center right: Gary listens thoughtfully as he paces in front of the drum line, with Eddie Buantello, Akira Bell, Steve Bertozzi, Morris Williams, Penny Tradwick, and Pete Adams working to achieve sharpness and perfection while playing.

right: Showing his unusual spirit and unique sense of humor, Gary plays the 'Mad Director' during a faculty rally.



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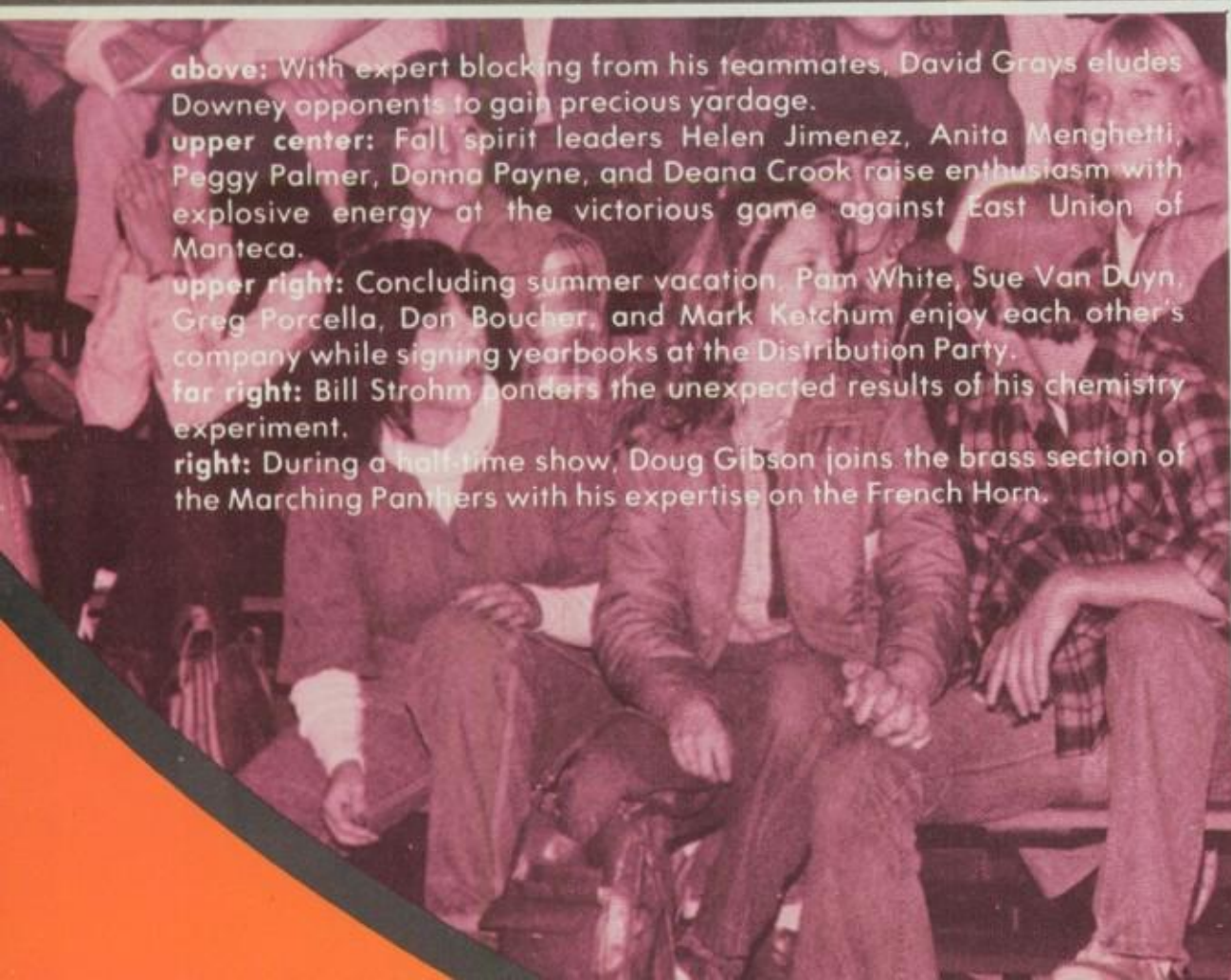
WHAT'S GOIN ON?

Employed in greeting, this phrase asks for news of a good time or the latest gossip. Its use provokes a re-telling of last Friday night's occurrences, an argument during lunch period, or a hot date the night before. Its hopeful anticipation often spices conversations; yet it has another, less optimistic meaning.

Proposition 13 brought statewide confusion and apprehension to students and teachers. 'What's goin' on?' conveys the frustration and uncertainty prevalent throughout the year as interpretations and predictions continually changed. Modesto High avoided the massive cutbacks in its academic and extracurricular programs which some pessimists had forecast, but their continuation was seriously threatened.

This casual greeting, then, so lightheartedly used among friends, serves the deeper purpose of documenting a time of unusual change, a time when the question holds unique significance: what's goin' on?





above: With expert blocking from his teammates, David Grays eludes Downey opponents to gain precious yardage.

upper center: Fall spirit leaders Helen Jimenez, Anita Menghetti, Peggy Palmer, Donna Payne, and Deana Crook raise enthusiasm with explosive energy at the victorious game against East Union of Manteca.

upper right: Concluding summer vacation, Pam White, Sue Van Duyn, Greg Porcella, Don Boucher, and Mark Ketchum enjoy each other's company while signing yearbooks at the Distribution Party.

far right: Bill Strohm ponders the unexpected results of his chemistry experiment.

right: During a half-time show, Doug Gibson joins the brass section of the Marching Panthers with his expertise on the French Horn.



hey, whadaya gonna do after the game tomorrow?"
 "Prob'ly go to pizza. You wanna go with me or
 are ya takin somebody?"
 "I dunno. I'll let ya know in seventh if I need
 a ride."

"You could take that chick in Government."
 "Naa. She's too much of a brain. Besides, we prob'ly
 wouldn't have any fun."

"Oh well, I'll see ya later. I gotta go to Chemistry to
 start that experiment. I dunno what's goin on in there; I
 think I'm blowin that class."

"Hey, wait. You goin to band practice today or what?
 Kunsten said he dinno what your problem was but you
 better show up for once."

"Yeah, he gets pretty wild sometimes. I guess I better
 go. Tell him I'll be late, though. I gotta go get my yearbook.
 Today's the last day."

"See ya seventh, OK?"

"Yeah, if I make it."

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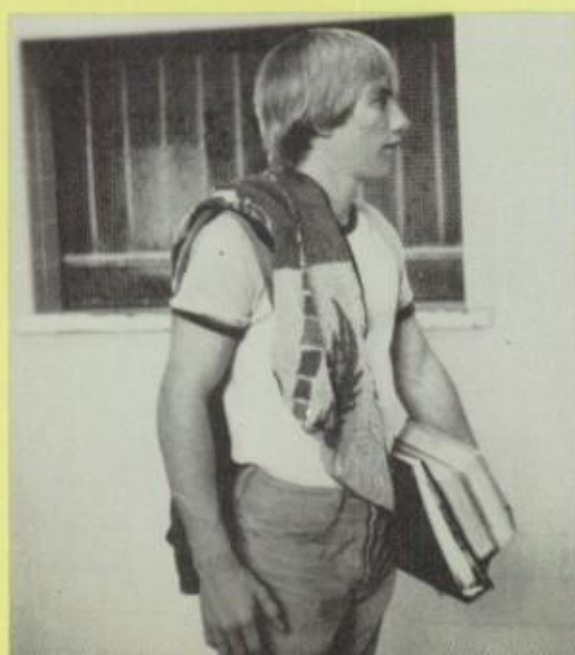
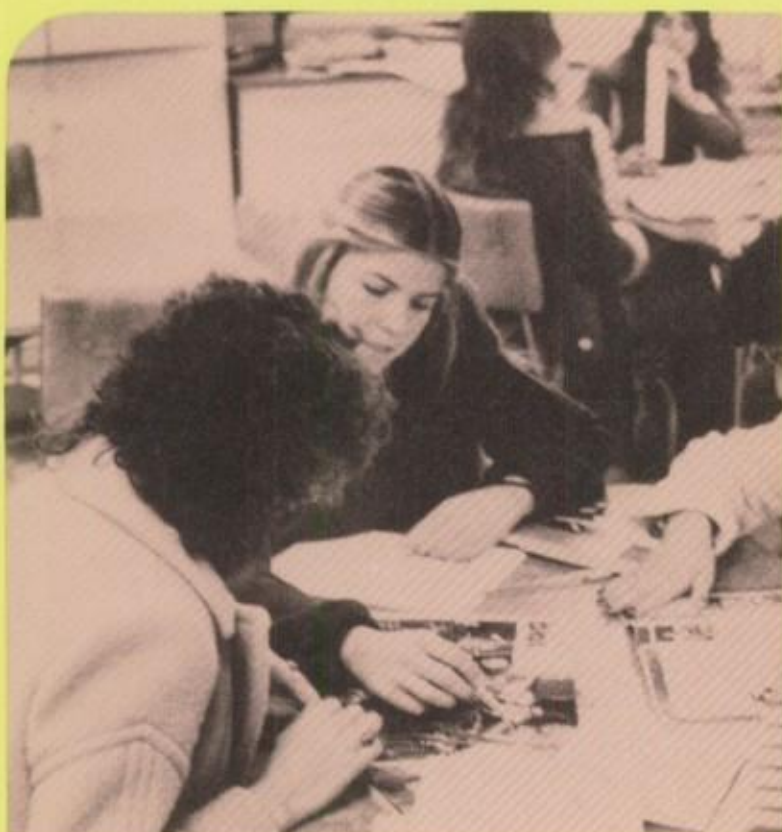
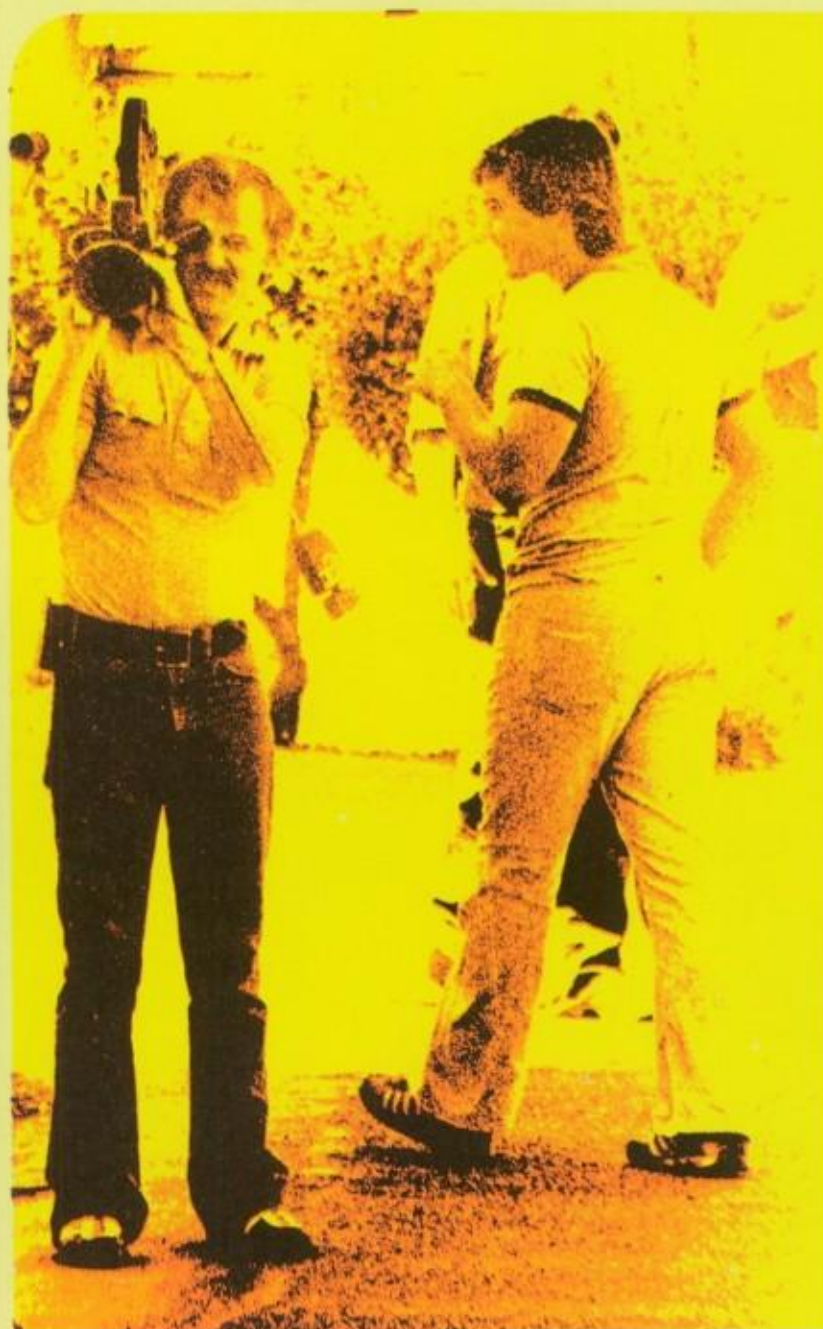
right: As Steve Hawkins slyly avoids the lens, KOVR's TV cameraman films MHS activity for a new television series on Stanislaus County high schools.

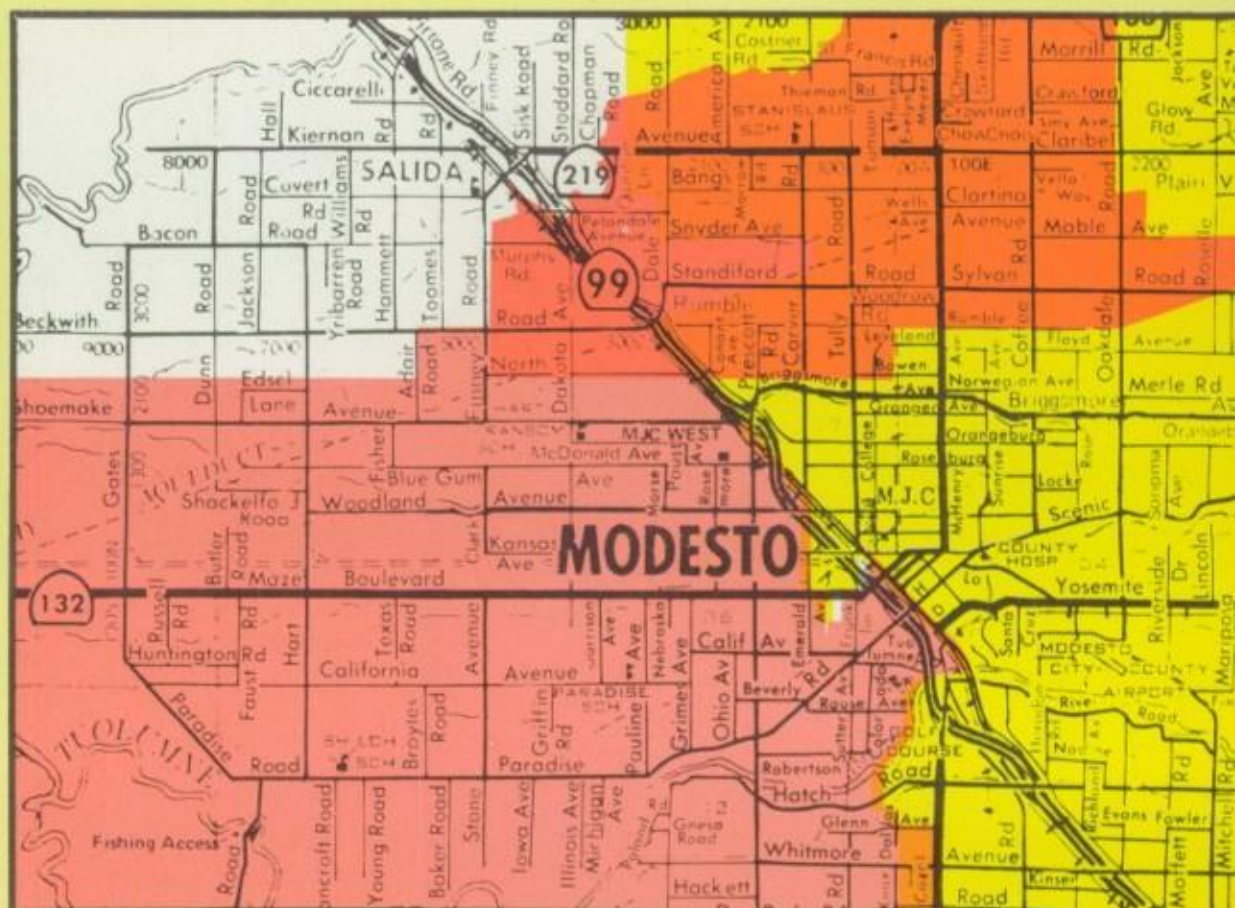
below: Consumer Awareness, a new class for sophomores, has Suzanne Crum and Laura Rodrigues participating in price comparisons on furniture.

below center: Taking a break for lunch, Tom Vallin, Karen Fernandes, and John Bradford try Chelsea, the new 'not-so-soft drink' being market-tested in the Modesto area.

lower left: Kirk Melson brings his own towel to PE, the result of Proposition 13 cutbacks.

lower center: New staff members Larry Hines and Pat Decker confer on grading procedures with assistant principal Dan Caton.





WHAT'S NEW?

Although change is often unwelcome because it disturbs the familiar routines, there were, at least, variations in the MHS scene as a result, and in spite of, Proposition 13.

Whereas in past years school supplies were readily available, their discontinuation placed a greater responsibility on students. Pencils, paper, even shower towels could no longer be taken for granted.

Boundary changes went into effect this year, bringing forty additional students, mostly freshmen. Despite this small beginning, it is forecast that many more will be attending from the new area in future years.

Placing many students in an unwanted math class, the Basic Competency Test also forced teachers who normally instructed classes ranging from PE to music to begin teaching one or more periods of Basic Math. Whether positive or undesirable, students and teachers accepted change as the inevitable effect of growth in today's society.



upper left: New student activities directors Mike Pelucca and Tom Smith check the trophies to be awarded at the Sports Banquet, one of many important events requiring their full attention during the year.

upper right: Increased enrollment is resulting from the boundary change, returning to MHS a large chunk of territory formerly included in

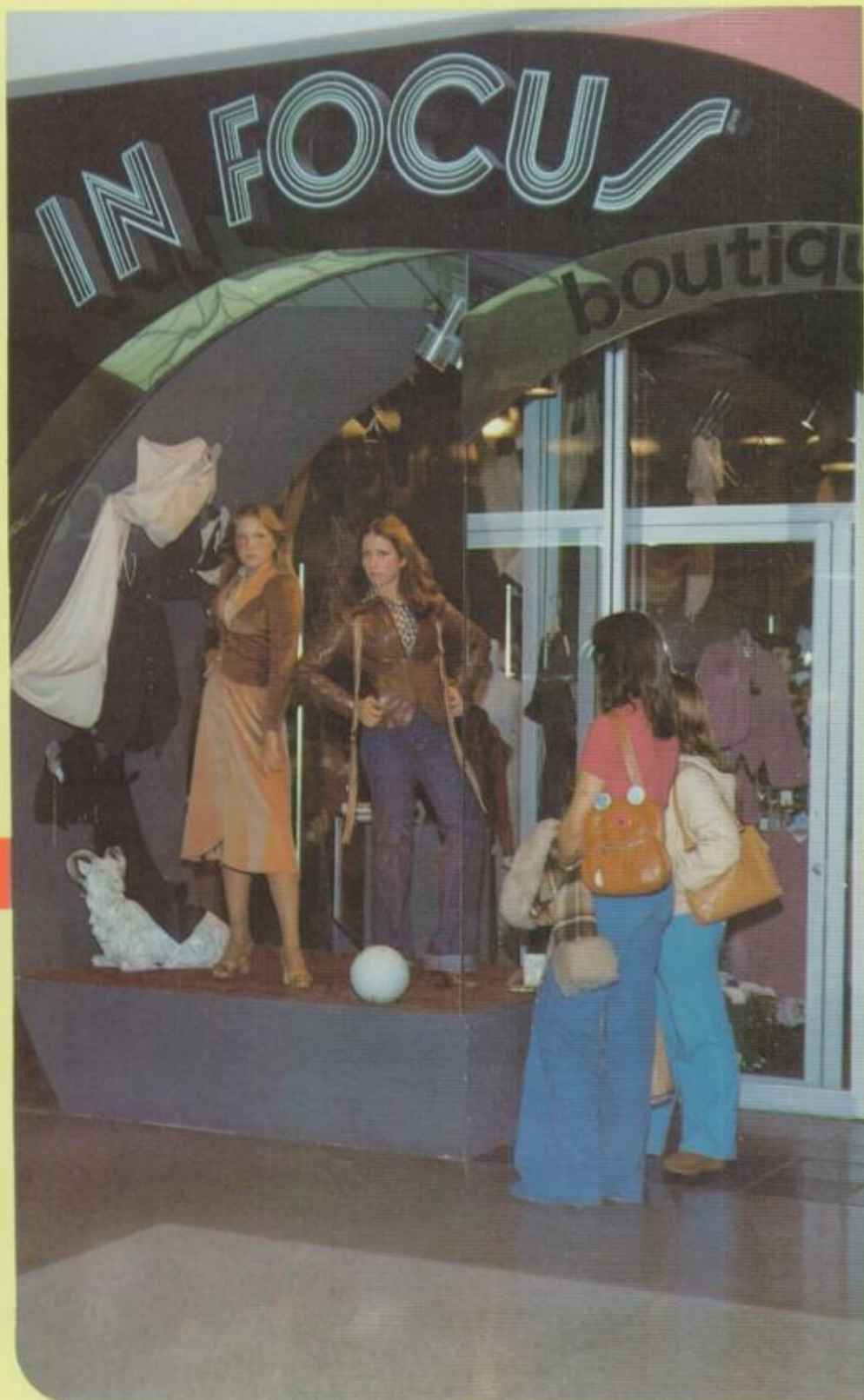
the Beyer and Davis attendance areas.

above: Hopeful for passing grades, Basic Math students Rafael Rodrigues, Orville Miller, Sixto Porras, Robbie Ayala, and David Grant crowd around vocal music turned math teacher Dennis Clark's piano to find out the results of their test scores.

below: Live manequin models Carol Sherman and Jessica Potts awe spectators Ruth Anne Walker and Tammy Ivie at Vintage Faire with their machine-like style while exhibiting the latest fall fashions.

right: Displaying a diversity of popular apparel, Joe Schoonover, Bran Dee Raley, Rachel Rosas, and Paul Menghetti gather in the courtyard to look over Helen Jimenez's senior group picture.

center right: Dressed in leather jackets and coordinated slacks and shoes, Kathy Gullat and David Grays meet in front of the school.



HOW DO I LOOK?

Attired in classier, more formal style this year, MHS students exhibited a wide variety of 'in' clothing. Fashions that suited individual desires and personalities nonetheless conformed to the look of 1979. Occasionally, trends were set on campus as certain accessories or articles of clothing became briefly popular.

Derbies, top hats, and cowboy hats gained notoriety early in the year. Despite their expense, students were often seen wearing felt hats, usually adorned with a crimson plume.

Following past years, tee shirts of all styles and colors, displaying an unending variety of advertisements and slogans, were commonplace during warm weather.

Leather purses and clutch bags were a common sight among girls, in addition to bracelets, necklaces, and stick pins. For guys and girls alike, denim jeans with pocket stitching were the foundation on which to build a personal style of dress.





left: With jewelry and handbags back in fashion, Kari Simas uniquely coordinates them to her everyday dress.

below: Hats of a variety of styles are popular with boys from many groups, as displayed by Dickie Campbell, Robbie Ayala, 'J.C.' John Tuggle, John Brughelli, Glenn Walker, Tim Campbell, Bryan Marconett, Rocky Vin-nedge, Don Corgiat, Robbie Robbins, Floyd Quigley, and Doug Gibson.

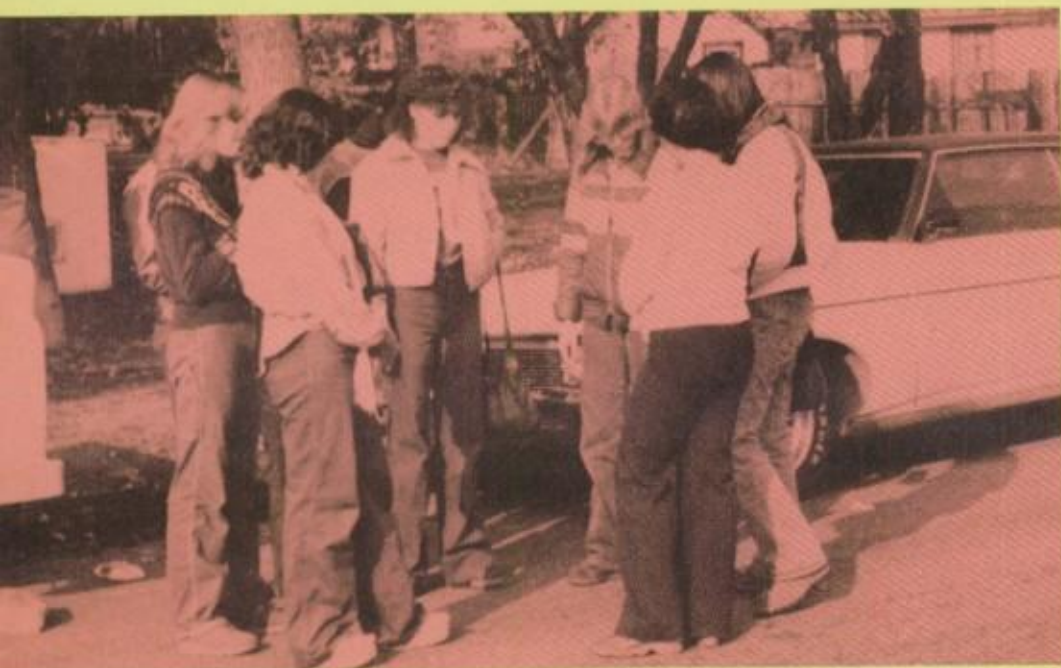
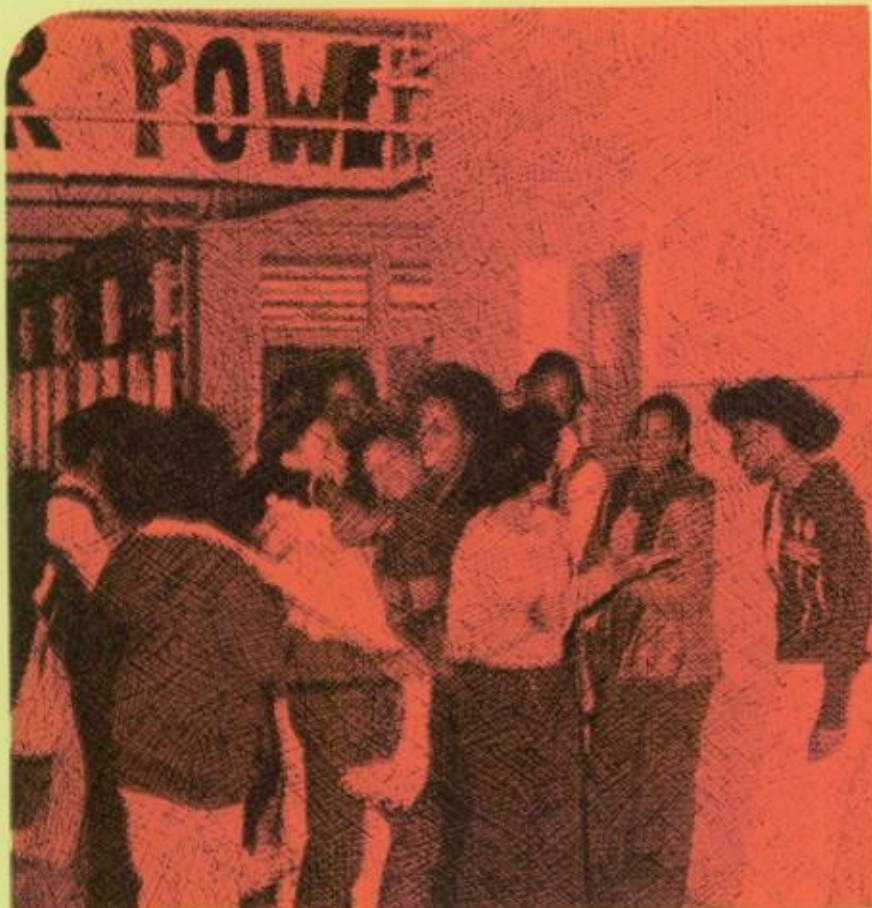


above: Morris Williams shades his eyes with a 'stylin' pair of sunglasses.

left: Bringing along her hair dryer for quick touch-ups, Sue Van Duyn puts in a fashion appearance on Crazy Day.
center left: Clad in a wide variety of tee-shirts, students Cindy Boday, Gary Powell, Theresa Chavez, Janie Zumbach, Derek Shuman, Robert Flores, and Carolyn Teixeira discuss the merits of dressing 'casual' for school.

below: Crowding into their usual 'territory,' Pattie Peterson, Denise Lovelady, Patricia Baker, Victor Coleman, Pam Brazil, Tippy Smith, Kim Clark, Farina Thompson, Shelly Wingo, and Cynthia Smith 'jive' with each other until the end of break period.

right: A cross-section of the student body can usually be found in the courtyard, including such 'regulars' as Dan Guzzi, Kevin Grimes, Ruben Martinez, Dan May, Larry Mendonza, Mark Ferguson, Robbie Robbins, Stacy Burkes, Ken Faria, Julie Henriques, Robert Soares, Kevin Hampton, Rich Fultz, Mark Ketchum, and Arnold Fidalgo.



right: The snack bar picnic tables are crowded at lunch time, as Bobby Gratton, Joe Galvez, Rob Chambers, Jody Weston, and Stan England discuss the morning's events while many others wait in line to buy a snack.

above: 'Marlboro Country,' across from the Ag Shop, is a popular gathering spot for students.





WHERE'D EVERYBODY GO?

Escaping from classroom tedium to the courtyard, cafeteria, or main hall, most students utilized the break or lunch period to associate with their friends. But often certain classes, or sometimes the whole school day, were avoided by students who felt the need to relieve the boredom which hung in the classroom.

As the bells summoned their classmates back to the books, these students lingered behind, believing that congregating with friends was more important than regular or punctual attendance. They continued smoking 'across the street,' saying one last, intimate goodbye in a private location away from others, or planning after-game activities for Friday night.

Despite the few chronic 'ditchers' who rarely attended classes—at least all six in the same day—these informal meetings at favorite hangouts drew old friends closer together, while enabling students to easily establish new friendships.



upper left: Kathy Lee and Freddie Peterson share a few moments alone in the hallway before the start of another class.

upper right: The 'Across the Street Gang,' including Theresa Wilson, Carlene Scoggins, Monica Rothman, Anita Amaya, Lodia O'Halloran, Mike Womack, and Carmen Sanchez, takes a smoke break across from the Boys Gym.

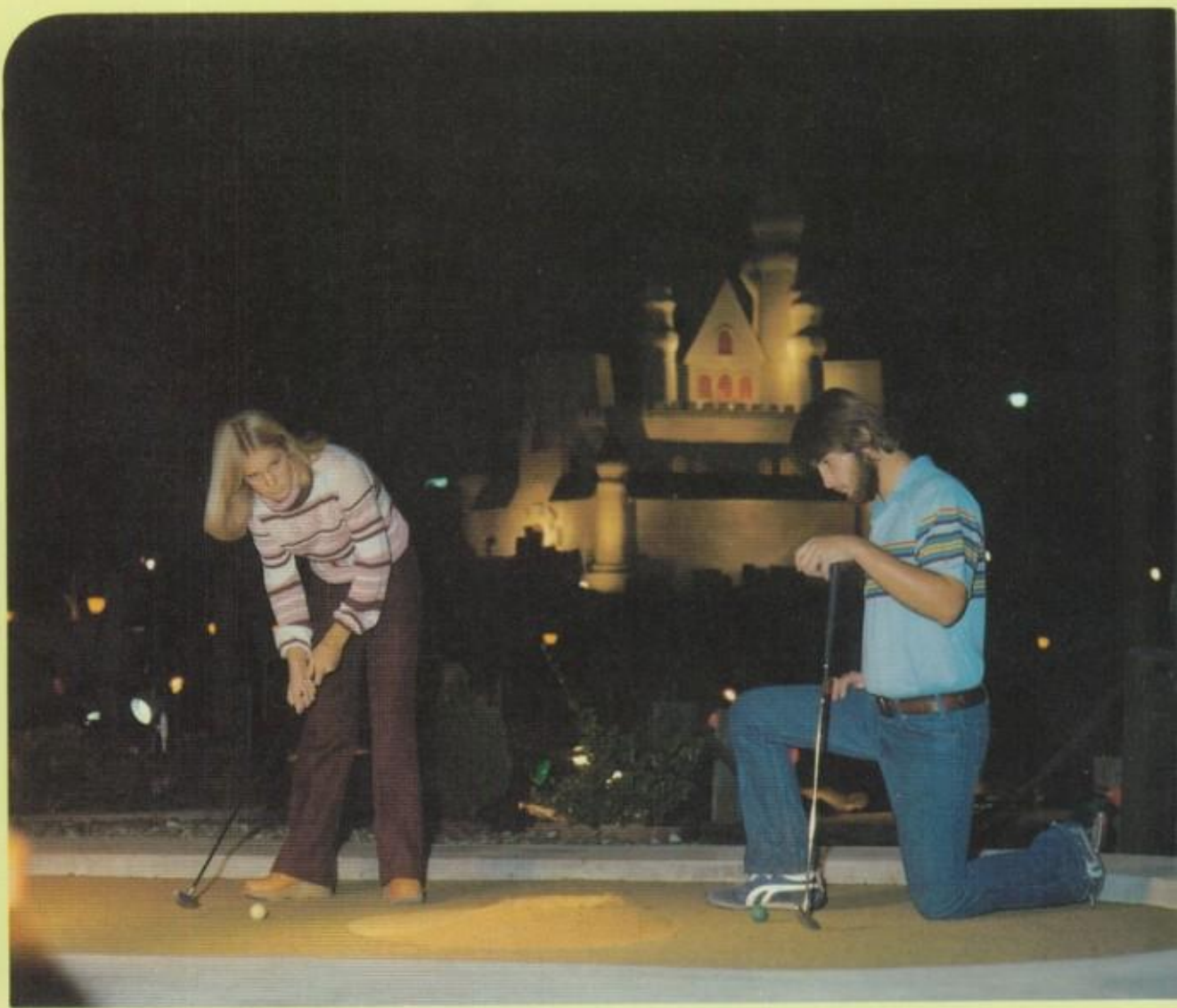
above: 'Friday night at Straw Hat' became a ritual for many pizza lovers, including Floyd Quigley, Sherril Sather, Ron Ostorero, and Sandy O'Dell.

below: The early August County Fair draws many MHS students hoping for fun and excitement.

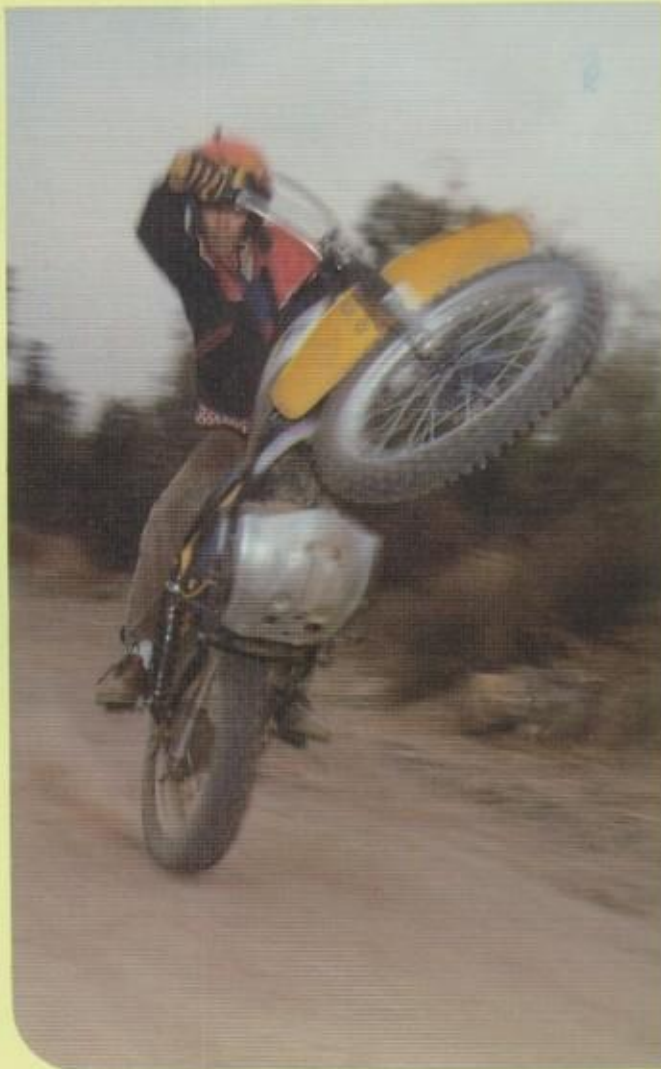
right: Enjoying an evening of quiet recreation playing miniature golf, Michelle Wright attempts an uphill putt as Tony Van Oostende watches.

lower right: Combining skill and concentration, Henry 'Evil' Palleschi rides out a wheelie during practice along the river.

lower left: Some people's favorite activity is eating—especially a giant submarine sandwich such as Steve Bertozzi enjoys after a long year-book meeting.



WHADAYA WANNA DO?

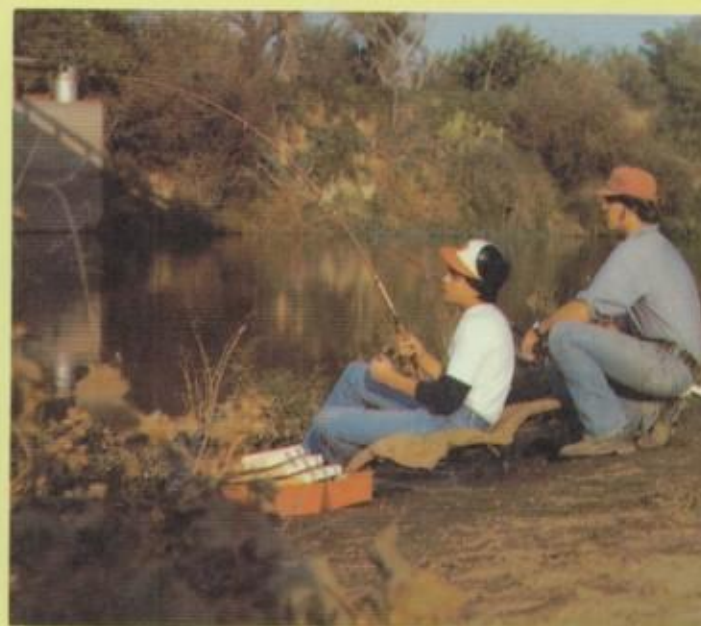


Discovering moments free from the hassles of school life, students invested in carefree, often impulsive, activities, from early in the day to after school.

Students found a wide variety of ways in which to satisfy themselves, with efforts at having a little excitement topping the list. Winter confined them only briefly, as warm weather late into the fall and again in the spring permitted unlimited outdoor recreation.

Often frustrating their teachers, students' minds wandered frequently as they pondered, schemed, and planned the diversities that would most enjoyably occupy their limited time. Teachers also discovered getting away from the classroom and its noisy contents as vital as students did, although rarely were their locations of retreat revealed.

Whether staying indoors during the winter or going outside to enjoy the refreshing spring, using free time to enjoy themselves was the automatic response of students and teachers.



upper left: Surrounded by a variety of entertainment, Michelle Curci enjoys the comfort of a waterbed while talking to a friend.

upper right: Out for some 'keep in shape' exercise, Mike Imelio, Nina Satriles, and Rod Wright jog around Modesto's Dryden Golf Course.

above: Looking forward to a good catch, Mel Lemos checks the tension on his line while Mike Bizzini patiently waits for a hungry fish to test his bait.

left: A favorite lunch-time activity, 'cruisin' in front of the school,' is enjoyed by Steve Hammon and Brian Cooper.



WHERE YA BEEN?



upper left: Danny May and Tammie Hastie check the menu at Express Company Pub as they begin an enjoyable evening out.

upper center: Eddie Faria, Susan Singleton, David Howell, and Roxanne Jimenez try to decide which of the four movies they will watch at the Vintage Faire Theater.

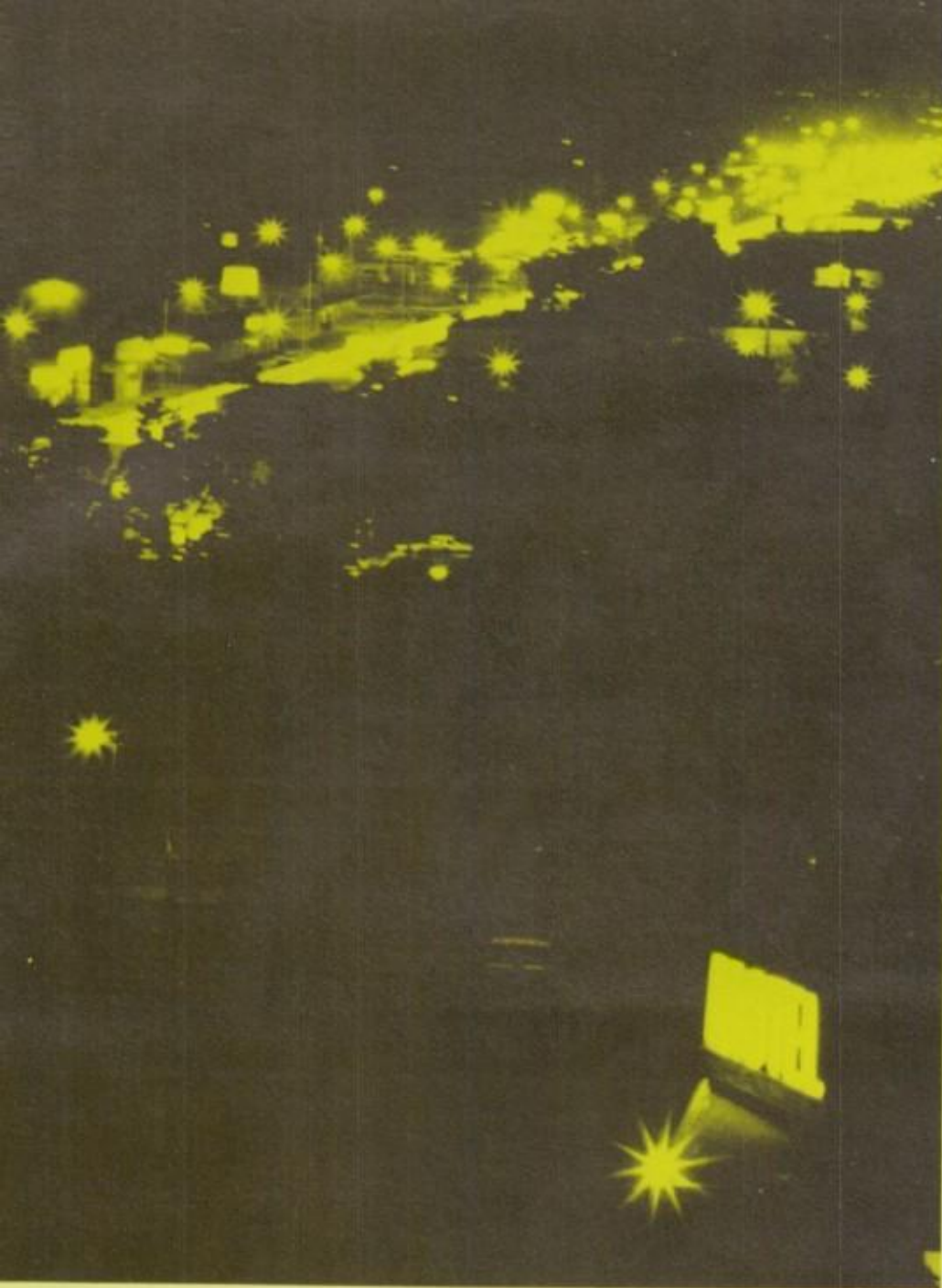
center left: Enjoying the Friday night McHenry scene, Tim Garrison, Linda Vlach, Dennis McCutcheon, and Lynn Wyrick discuss moving to a new spot.

above: For some Modesto High School students, their free time is spent getting together, getting some brew, and getting high!

Equally important with daily school attendance was taking time out for fun; for fulfilling week-long plans or a spontaneous urge. Ranging from dragging McHenry' to doing homework, students engaged in a spectrum of personally preferred activities, generally labeled 'Night Life.'

Lack of transportation stranded some students at home, allowing them to catch up on an overdue assignment or study for an upcoming test. Finding homework unappealing, groups of students often got together for a little 'partyin.' Couples sometimes spent evenings alone, or, when going out, found restaurants and movie theaters appropriate locations in which to enjoy one another's company.

Although inflationary price rises brought new limits to most students' spending abilities, a change of pace was a welcome break from school life. Whether spent alone, with friends, or on a date, entertainment was embraced as a necessary part of student life.

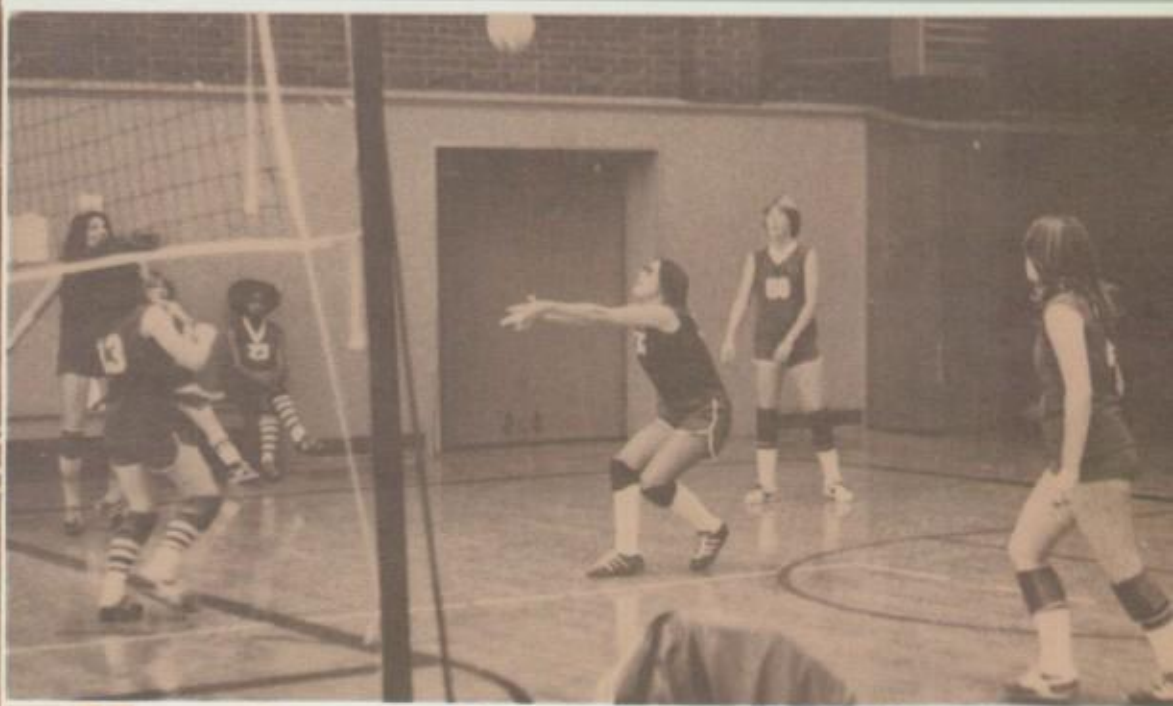


upper left: McHenry Avenue is brilliantly lit every night, inviting teenagers with the promise of good times and excitement.
upper right: Putting homework before recreation, Colette Avila prepares for tomorrow's classes through diligent study.
above: Doreen Tuggle and Victor Brasil say goodnight after another enjoyable evening together.
left: Sitting cozily together, Jeff Woodbridge and Loraine Rosa enjoy each other's company as they watch TV by a roaring fire.

DAVID A BLAST

School spirit thrived as attendance and involvement at games, rallies, and the spirit weeks planned by rally commissioners reached a noticeably high level. This increase came in part as students reacted with determination to the pinch of budget cuts forced by passage of Proposition 13. Although student activities involved and provided entertainment for many, only a few wanted to be a part of the action. Sports enrollment continued to decline, bringing fewer team victories as the all-too-frequent result. With teams lacking the strength and depth imperative for success, some members caught the apathy prevalent in their fellow students' attitudes and they, too, dropped sports. The 'Fourth R' showed its teeth clearly for the first time, as an estimated 15% of the student body received Unsatisfactory citizenship grades, making them ineligible to participate in extra-curricular activities such as sports and band. Despite these set-backs, students enjoyed a wide range of spirit-promoting activities and events, from pyramid building to courtyard slave sale to Friday rally, resulting in a more unified student body.





'I'm so confused'

First day of school a total waste?

I awoke this morning, not from the loud buzz of my alarm clock, but by a similar sound coming from the bus pulling away from my stop; stupid alarm clock . . . gotta fix that thing. Monday morning went as usual: I spilled orange juice on my favorite pair of Levi's; my hair decided to do what it wanted to today; breakfast was soggy corn flakes and burnt toast, my specialty; no toothpaste left in the tube, so I ended up brushing with water. Oh well, in addition to being five minutes late, it was a typical first day of school. I had to park about three blocks away . . . geez, where'd all these cars come from?

The main hall seemed like it belonged to another school; I didn't **even** know anybody, and they were all super short. I found my locker with no problem; too bad I'd forgotten the combination. I guess I should've gone home after that.

First and second periods passed rather smoothly, aside from the fact that neither teacher had my name on his roll book, and I reminded them of someone I **really** can't stand.

Finally, break. Fifteen minutes of freedom before heading back to the

classrooms. I passed by Mr. Sherman in the courtyard, but my attempt to impress him failed miserably. Striding past him with a friendly grin on my face, he caught my glance as I blunderingly blurted, "Hi, Mr. Mould!" Oh well, maybe he didn't hear me.

Third and fourth periods dragged as my stomach complained for lunch, since my breakfast lacked both flavor and substance (I can still taste that burnt toast). After standing in an endless lunch line, I finally got up to a window and ordered a coupla cookies and a milk. There was only 'bout five minutes left, so I sat in the cafeteria with some buddies and grunted down. I stood up just in time to be the first victim of a food fight. A small container whizzed through the air, spraying streams of milk which all ended up on my jacket. The bell rang before I could even retaliate against that freshman kid. Don't think I'll eat in the cafeteria again.

Finally, 2:10. Aside from the endless line at the snack bar, finding out that Mrs. Fisher still gives detention, and that the yearbook is gonna come out next fall, I guess the day was OK. I can't wait for tomorrow . . . when's summer vacation?



above: Sleep-disturbing clock radios placed on bedside tables are for many students the only means of waking in the mornings.
right: Marilu Lopez spends her first lunch period of the year among friends in the cafeteria.



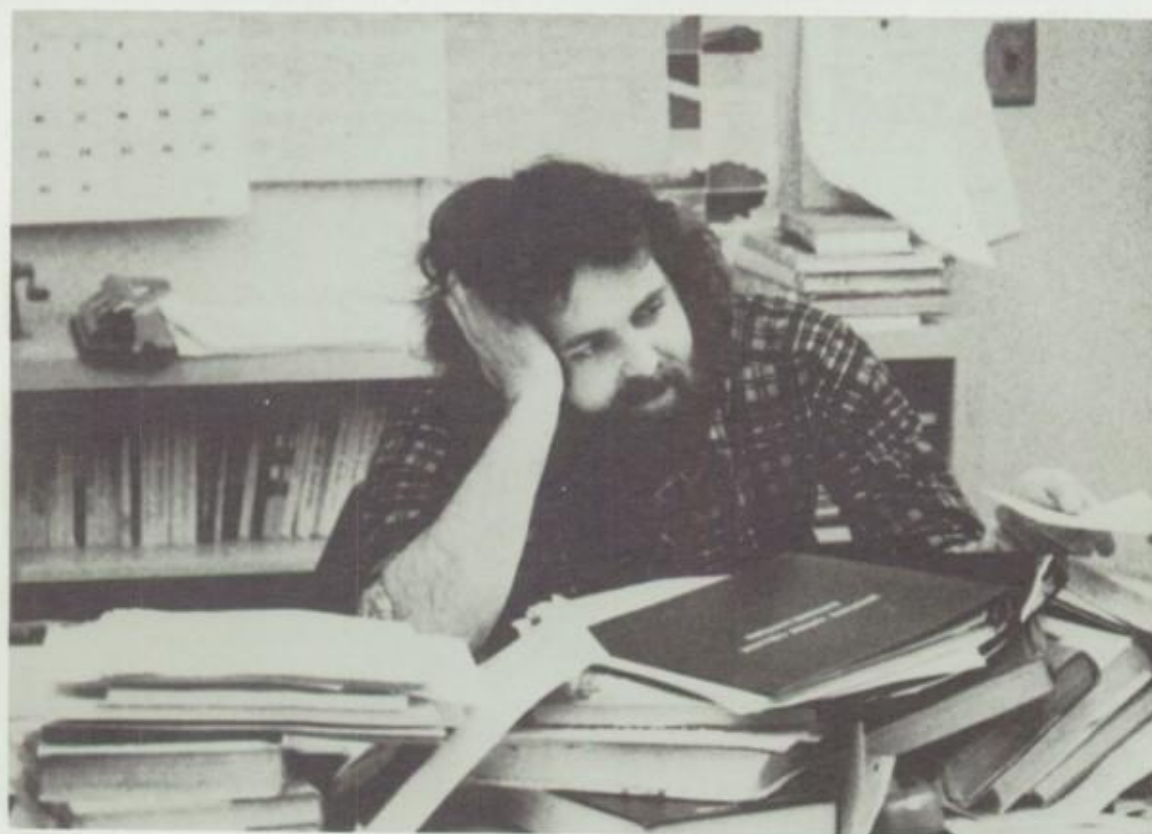


far upper left: A locker the single unchanging part of high school life nonetheless becomes an obstacle for incoming students or those with poor memories.

far center left: Freshmen Patty Peterson and Christy Rubio debate the location of their World Geography class.

left: Confused freshmen Alan Purtle, Roy Conley, Jimmy Alvarado, and Kevin Alkire find Mr. Joseph Fabela's directions to the cafeteria helpful on the first day of school.

below: Parallel rows of Big Yellow Taxis await the final bell before returning students to their homes.



above: A haggard and disheveled English teacher Jim Autry ponders retirement after a day of confusion and chaos.

left: Patty George casually spends the lunch period in the courtyard exchanging summer experiences with Anita Menghetti, while Rhonda Bradley listens in disbelief to a friend's account of the last night before school started.

'What a drag!'

Jarvis' Proposition 13 leads schools into grim, uncertain future

Trying to get rid of the rats by burning down the barn' may be too drastic a measure to eliminate something undesirable, but it is an accurate metaphor which describes the truth behind the Jarvis-Gann initiative, more commonly referred to as Proposition 13. This ballot measure promised California voters to eliminate a myriad of common complaints including rising property taxes, high government spending, and incompetent or otherwise unnecessary government officials and employees; to sum up, the wasteful spending called 'fat.' With inflation increasing its bite into the incomes and savings of US citizens, and income and property taxes sinking their greedy hands ever deeper into taxpayers' pockets, California voters believed they were genuinely 'blessed' with the chance to reduce their property taxes by 50 per cent or more, and restrict future increases to less than 2 per cent a year.

Yet the promise seemed almost too good to be true. If property taxes were reduced as expected, local revenues would be cut seriously, especially that of the public schools, which had been deriving upwards of 75 per cent of their revenue from property taxes in order to continue offering the high quality education for which California is noted.

With Howard Jarvis, chief advocate of

the proposition, claiming that education would not be seriously affected, voters went to the polls on June 6, 1978 in record numbers, and the landslide results ensuring its passage left alarmed teachers and students disconcerted. The harmful effects of the proposition were felt long before its beneficial ones. With the sudden shut-off of funds to schools foreseen by administrators and school boards, action was taken immediately following the election.

The elimination of summer school was the most obvious of the educational cuts aimed at saving precious school funds. When classes resumed in the fall, students and teachers were confronted with a radically altered educational system whose main concern had become saving money, while the quality of education became a distant second. Janitorial supplies, new books, paper and pencils, campus and classroom maintenance, all previously taken for granted, became increasingly infrequent or hard to get.

Now one year and hundreds of cuts later, the quake of Proposition 13 is still being

felt in a multitude of after-shocks which seriously threaten the coming school year. A grim, bleak, hopelessly boring year is anticipated as Modesto's schools deal with the newly proposed budget cuts aimed at next year's students. Already the school board has decided which courses and activities, even which teachers, will be omitted if funds can no longer support them. Seniors react with "Thank God I'm getting out!" while underclassmen and teachers, helpless to improve the situation, respond in disgust and dismay, "What a drag!"

Thoughtful Californians are wondering if the 'heaven-sent' Proposition 13 hasn't become a dangerously threatening meteor finally coming into clear view and aimed at destroying education. As a nation-wide tax revolt becomes more likely, gaining momentum and forceful support in many states, the serious threat to the quality of education long taken for granted begins to show its gleaming teeth, and what a jaw those teeth belong to! The 'barn' may soon be gone, but the 'rat' is alive and well!



above: A common sight on campus, dirty, disheveled classrooms result from janitorial budget cuts which limited the time spent cleaning each room to 10 minutes every other day.

right: Howard Jarvis, supporter and co-author of Proposition 13, makes himself perfectly clear during a recent lecture.





left: Job-threatened teachers, **front:** Chris Eden and Rodney Owen; **second row:** Art Barba, Maridale Smith, Bertha West; **back row:** Martin Boer and Tom Smith, concernedly await the school board's final decision on their teaching careers at MHS.

below: During a board meeting to decide which curricular courses to eliminate, Rick Simental bravely speaks before the board regarding his feelings on the importance of school sports.



above: School Board members Robert Bienvenu, Harriet Kirschen, Anthony Bedford, Marty Ashleigh, and Alan Vincent review the proposed budget cut report while listening to concerned citizens express their opinions.

left: Taking a break during an important meeting on the undecided future of education at MHS, superintendent Bert Corona and English teacher Mary Baker discuss the merits of a paperback book.

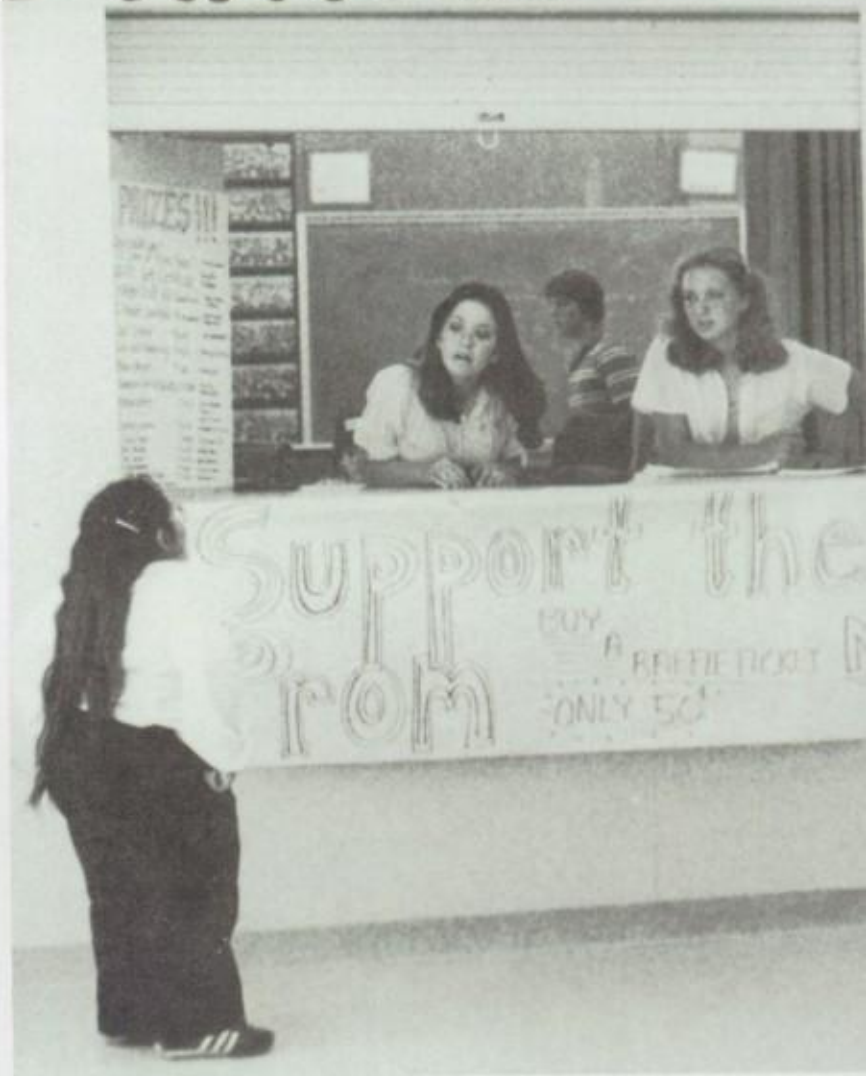
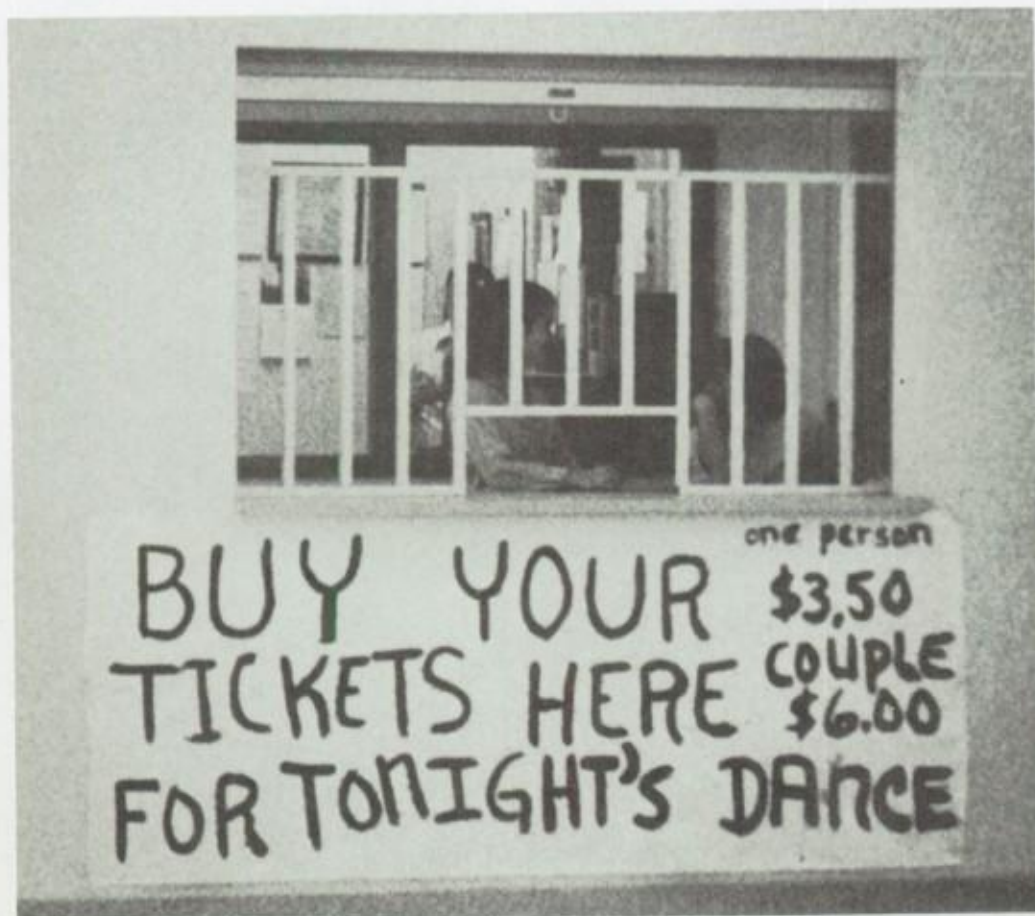
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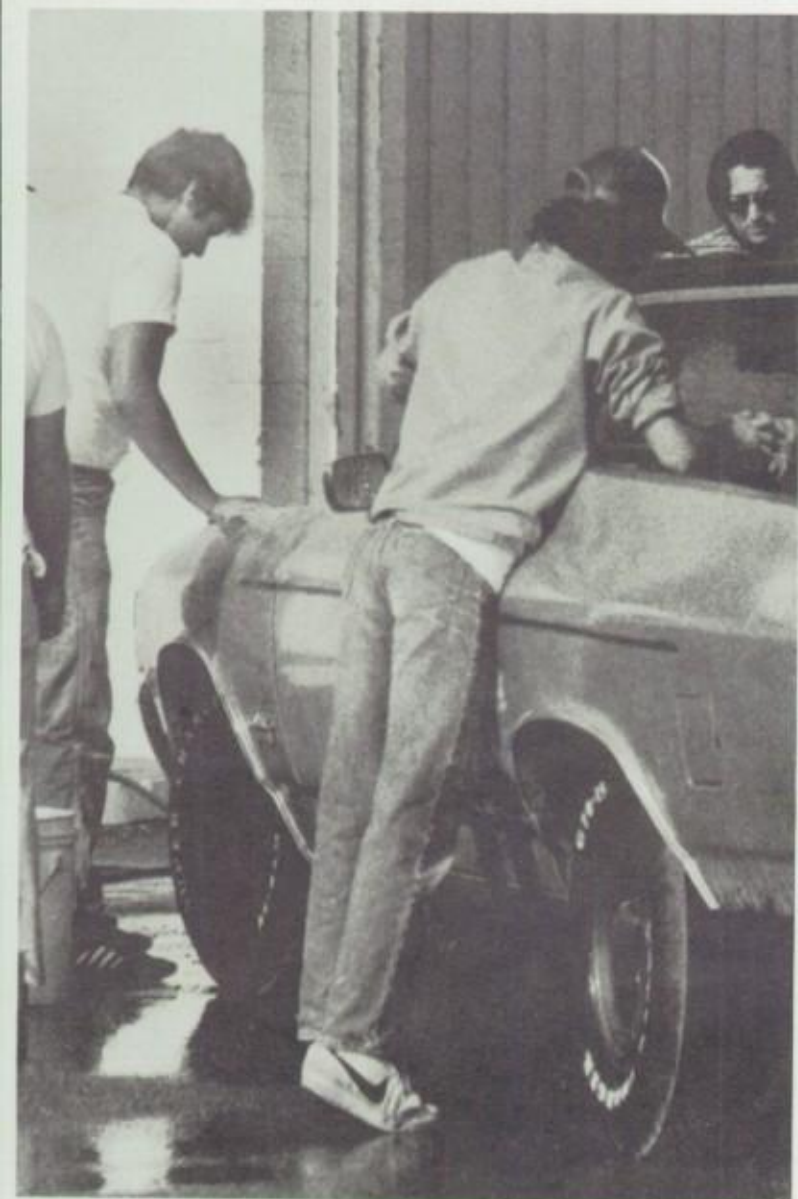
right: Theresa Brasil opposes Jessica Potts and Carol Sherman as they entreat her to buy a raffle ticket.

lower right: Room 50 overflows as students jam into the picture sale, eagerly searching for photos of themselves and friends.

lower left: Edie Lau, Debbie Sheppard, and Sabrina Reim apprehensively wait to see what's in store for them, as Gina Furtado does her master's bidding on Sophomore Slave Day.

below: Endeavoring to fill the treasury, Martha Vera and Gabi Olivas sell tickets for the MASA Club dance.





'It's up to us'

Hard-earned funds finance activities for energetic students, clubs

Whether putting on the Prom, going on the annual Senior Trip to Disneyland, or just trying to raise enough money to have an end-of-the-year party, students often had to work feverishly to obtain these scarce privileges. The Band's bake sale, the Sophomore class slave sale, the Freshman class candy sale, the Wrestling Team's car wash, and the Senior Dinner were only a few of the many fund-raising activities that were thought of, organized, and carried out by students striving to reach a monetary goal. Despite frequent complications, mainly due to the passage of Proposition 13, most of these events were successful with only a few exceptions.

Although these types of activities usually don't make large amounts of money, profit was achieved by persistent students who were determined to do more than 'break even.'

A dance sponsored by MASA gleaned a spectacular \$400, while the yearbook staff made \$100 on two picture sales in the spring.

The most unusual fund-raising activity by far was a sunflower seed eating contest sponsored by the Marching Band. The object was to see how many seeds could be cracked and eaten by 140 students, the size of the band, in 30 minutes. The final count after one-half hour was 46,023 seeds, and the net profit was \$600.

Though the work was hard, the will to complete a job and gain profit kept students going. At the end of the year, dreams were realized and the fun began. Group trips to amusement parks, San Francisco, and even to Texas were achieved by organizations who proved that hard work could still bring enjoyable rewards.



upper left: Tony Rueda and Jeff Weston work diligently under the watchful eye of their customer at the Wrestling Team's car wash.

above: Dena Avila and Teri Carlton strive to make the Senior Dinner a success.

left: A satisfied Bake Shop customer warns others to stay away from his big cookie.

'I don't understand!'

Displaced students and teachers perplexed by Basic Comp outcome

Beginning last year with the class of 1980, the Basic Competency Tests placed many Juniors into makeup classes in one specific area: math. With English already a required class, few students were aware of having failed the reading and/or writing tests. But with math optional after one year, and the skills harder for students to apply, many failed. Failure required a 'remediation' class called Basic Math.

This year tests in reading, writing, and math were given to all grade levels except Seniors. In addition, tests in locational and listening skills, science, health, and social science were given to all Juniors. Passage of all tests will be required for graduation, with the Class of '80 being the first group to be tested.

With more than half the students

failing last year's math test, the need for teachers was great. Those forced to teach remedial math ranged from ROTC teacher Col. Schales to Dennis Clark, vocal music instructor. Also, teachers from other departments taught remedial classes, shifting the number of elective courses taught to 10 Basic Math and a half-dozen other remedial courses not previously required.

"I don't understand" was a common thought among teachers who felt out of place instructing classes that previously were not a part of their schedules, and students who were forced to alter their schedules to incorporate an unwanted, overcrowded remedial class. And everyone worried about the number of such classes which might be required next year.



top: The empty desks sitting in the electronics classroom, vacant since late September, are the result of failures in the math and English competency tests which required remedial classes, thus effectively eliminating over a dozen elective courses.

above: Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors struggle through another hour of Basic Competency testing held in the cafeteria during March.

OPINION

"These tests were an insult to basic intelligence."

-Bob Silva, junior

"I think the tests are good. Some students used to be able to pass their classes by cheating through their whole four years. Now, with these tests, a diploma is earned instead of being handed to a graduate."

-Nina Satriles, junior

"I feel that the tests should have been given years ago. Our class's diploma won't mean as much as future classes'. In our class there will be people who can barely read or write, or even do simple math."

-Colette Avila, senior



top: Test takers in the cafeteria in March were watched over by ag teacher Mr. Loren Nyman and other faculty members to ensure that results obtained were the students' own.

above left: English teachers from the four high schools met at central office for two days from eight to four for English competency theme reading and evaluation.

above right: English teacher Mr. James Autry faces a stack of English competency themes to be evaluated, all without names, just a code number.

left: Mr. Robert Escobar, auto mech teacher, helps Tony Barnett in his work on a car, while, **inset,** he teaches basic math to Mike Davis; Mr. Escobar is one of many teachers whose schedules were disrupted due to the necessity for remedial classes.

Outstanding students recognized for excellence with top honor awards

Each year a Departmental Awards Assembly is held to recognize the outstanding students in each field of study. One or two students from each grade level are awarded certificates which recognize the long hours of study or practice. Academic courses give these honors as well as PE, performing arts, and vocational departments. Also presented during the June 6 assembly were life passes to MHS sports events, given to five outstanding senior athletes; ROP medallions, which cite excellence in a specialized area of work, were given to two deserving seniors; and the 'most service to school' awards went to two other seniors. The Assembly concluded with the five students maintaining perfect GPA's of 4.0 receiving plaques from principal Jim Sherman.

The following evening, the annual Awards Assembly honoring outstand-

ing seniors was held. At this time the Bank of America certificates and plaques were awarded to individuals deserving recognition in specific areas of study. Several club sponsors presented individual seniors with various awards and scholarships; and three types of state grants were awarded to seniors needing financial aid. Cal Grant A, which is worth up to \$2700 in tuition and fees, was given to thirteen students; Cal Grant B, worth up to \$1100 a year and renewable for four years, was awarded to thirteen students; while Cal Grant C, the Occupational Education and Training Grant program, was presented to two seniors. Achievement awards, given by individual companies and clubs, were received by numerous seniors, while several received scholarships and awards.

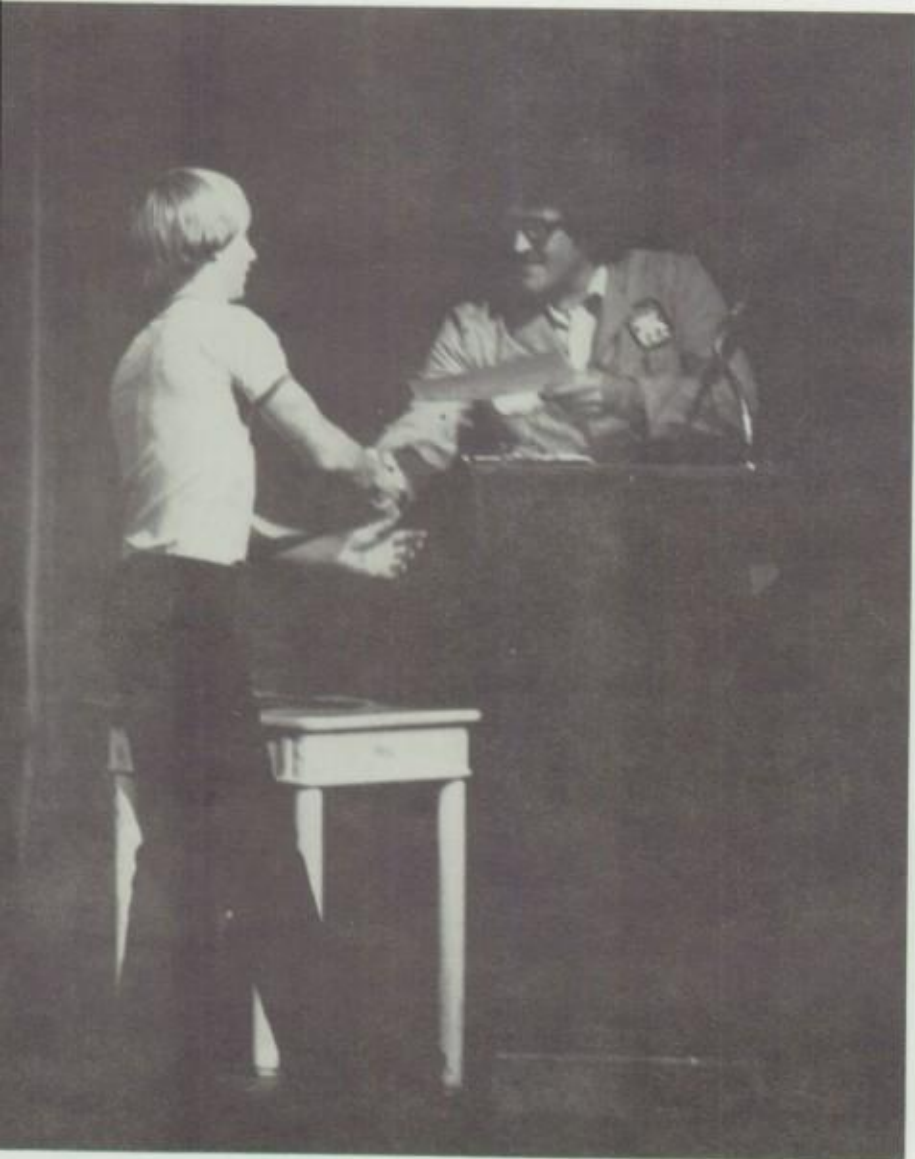


upper right: Outstanding sophomore in girls track, Lora Alexander is given her award by coach Mrs. Carolyn Leathers.

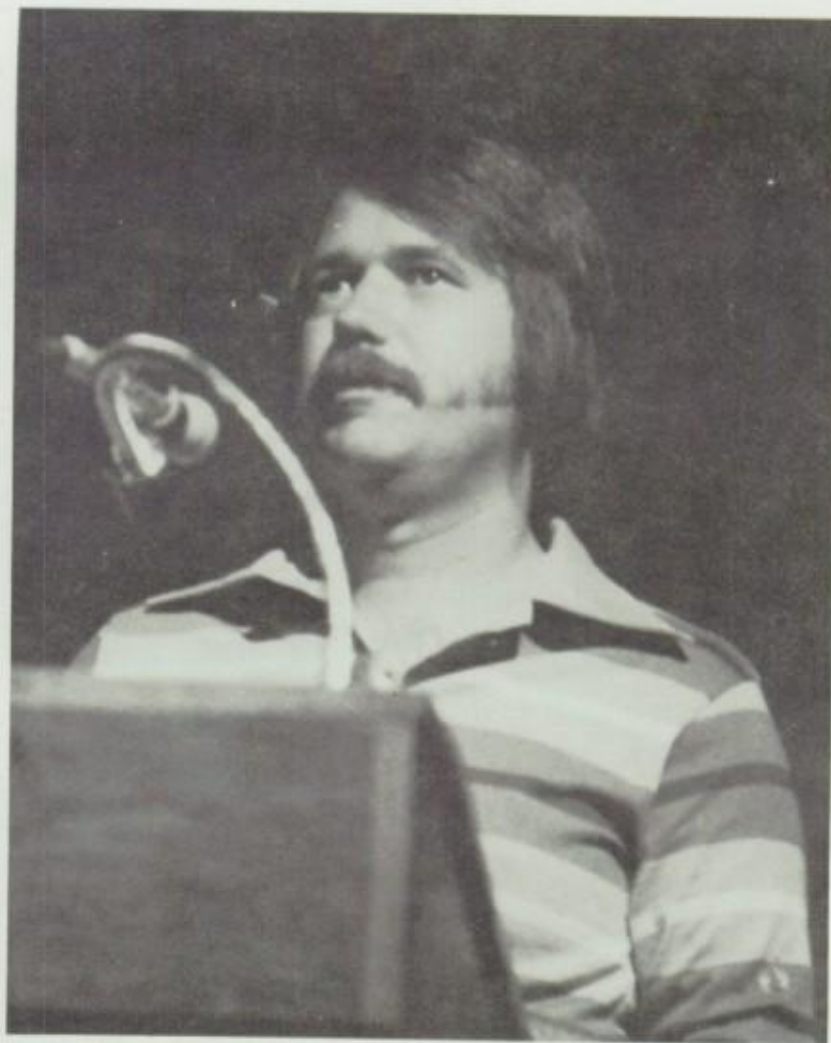
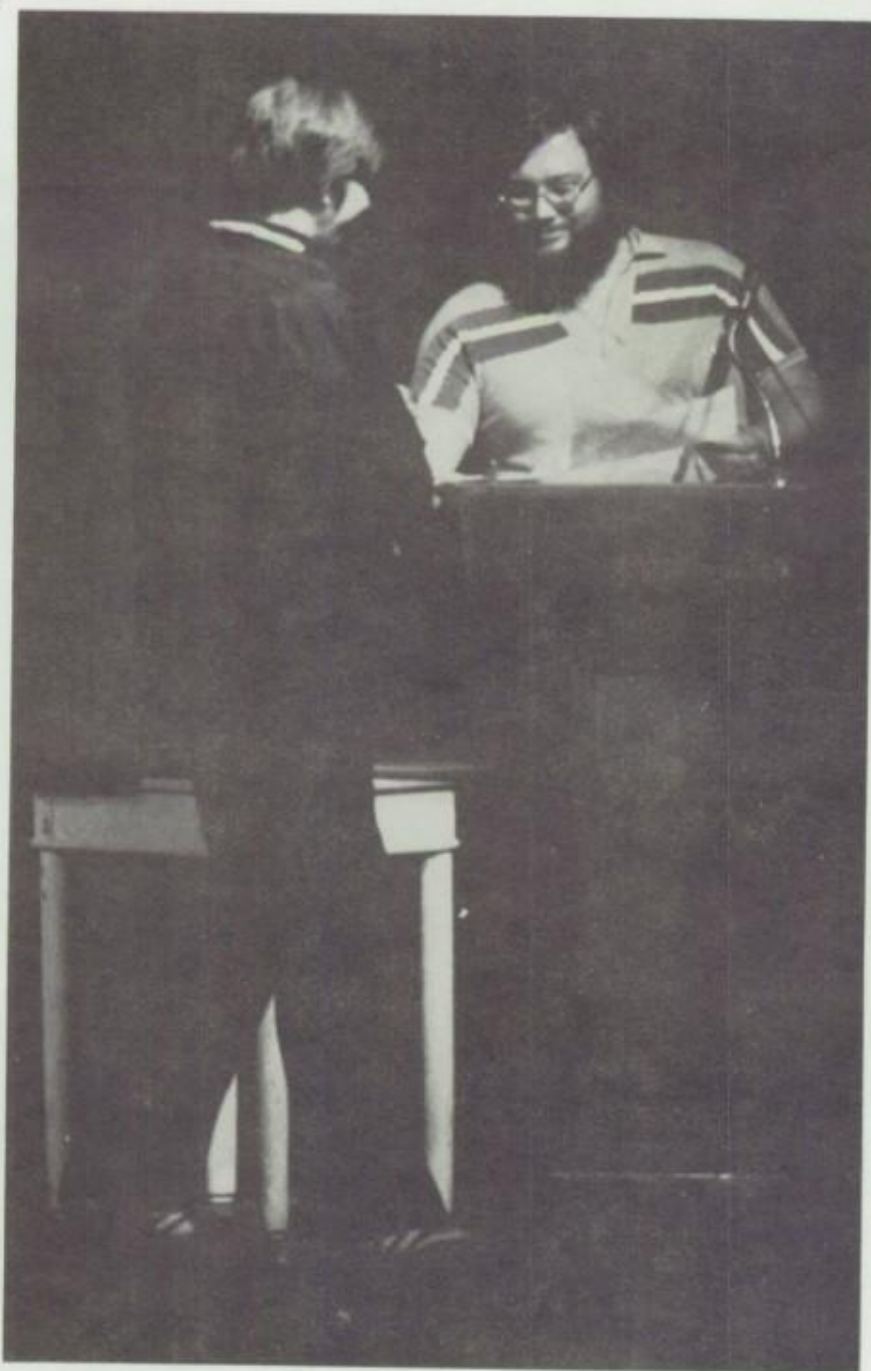
right: Boys PE chairman Mr. Herb Poddig presents Ross Lee with an Outstanding PE Student award.

above: Principal James Sherman presents Sherril Sather with a staff scholastic award at the Senior Awards Night.





left: Kirk Melson receives an award for graphic arts from Mr. Dick Finn.
below: Seniors with 4.0 grade point averages, Colette Avila, Lois Hunnicutt, Becky Couchman, Sherril Sather, and Frank Gwerder, receive scholastic awards from Mr. Sherman.



above: Band director Gary Runsten is speechless after the announcement of the **Sycamore** dedication to him.
left: Dale Kuykendall is congratulated by speech teacher Mr. Rodney Owen for being a finalist in a state speech contest.

Fall, winter dances lackluster in funding and attendance

The Turkey Trot, held each November to honor the recently-chosen Homecoming Queen and her attendants, was sponsored by rally members who worked in concession stands during home football games to raise the funds. Chosen to play at the on-campus dance was the band "Baby Brothers," which provided popular rock sounds for those attending the dance. The band was well liked, as one student who attended commented, "Everyone enjoyed the Turkey Trot this year, and the band was one of the best ones we've had."

Beginning early in the fall, the Sophomore Class attempted to raise money to sponsor the annual Denim Dance through slave auctions and bake sales. Appropriately, "Foreplay," a band composed of five MHS students, was chosen to play at the dance. Although it was the band's first big performance, it was enjoyed by all who attended. "I'll Never Be Lonely Again," a song written by the band, became the dance theme.

Ironically, the indifference with which many sophomores undertook fundraising and promotion was matched by the small crowd in attendance.



top: Matching outfits, such as those worn by Jessica Potts and Nick Artino, were popular with couples at the Denim Dance.
above: Ron Terra and Raydene Travao enjoyed themselves dancing with the crowd listening to the Baby Brothers Band at the Turkey Trot.



center left: Linda Isoni and Matthew Bradford danced with their friends to the music of Foreplay.

left: Don Boucher and Sue Van Duyn dance near the hay bales to get into the 'denim mood.'

below: Sue Van Duyn, Matthew Bradford, Linda Isoni, Robby Robbins, Joe Brasil, and Becky Wing made the most out of the evening at the Denim Dance.



above: Upon their arrival, Sue Van Duyn and Mike Merenda discuss which table to claim at the Turkey Trot.

left: Terri Carlton and Ty Angle choose a picture package at the Turkey Trot while Bunny McHale and Steve McManis watch the crowd from the line as they wait their turn to be photographed.

Anxious couples enjoy 'Sharin' the Night Together'

Combining a multitude of creative ideas as well as hard work, the Junior Class, under the leadership of class president Nina Satriles, presented a highly successful, well-attended Junior-Senior Prom, held later this year, on June 2. Featuring 'Sunflower,' a favored California band, the popular music provided was energetic and satisfied most tastes.

At a class meeting held in September, juniors decided early that the ideal location for the Prom would be the Elk's Lodge, and several committees were appointed to see to the multitude of jobs and

tasks that had to be started early to insure success. Working closely with advisors Jim Autry and James Kenyon, the class chose the theme 'Sharin' the Night Together' and planned the Prom for early June.

Spending over a thousand dollars of hard-earned money on expenses—such as renting the Elk's Lodge, hiring a band, paying for refreshments and decorations—the atmosphere of the dance was highly formal, yet festive. With the high-key music of Sunflower, the many popular songs played provoked an ecstatic mood among couples.

Along with playing many of the

recent hits, the band also belted out a few western songs, celebrated when romping, stomping dancers joined hands in a large circle. By request, Sunflower also provided a 50's tune which versatile couples chose to 'stroll,' a popular dance of that era.

Considering the quality of the evening—the many excellent restaurants in the area, the classy location of the dance, and being able to 'live it up' before the end of school—couples attending the '79 Junior-Senior Prom received a well-deserved 'break' from the tiring tedium of school life for this very special event.



above: Enjoying the 'tunes' of Sunflower with Colette Avila, Clifford Ball, and Trina Russell, Mike McCombs and Linda Amador dance their hearts out.

upper right: Roland Blankenship and Carol Johnson continue dancing as Mike Imelio leads Desi Angle off the floor for a little refreshment.

right: Brad Kunkel sock-hops as Jay Batterson and Tammy Atchison express their delight at the '79 Prom.





far left: Mike McCombs and Linda Amador 'sit one out' to discuss their plans for later in the evening.
left: Dancers take a break from the action with hopes of becoming better acquainted.



center left: Kevin Grimes and Genise Van Duyn take a refreshment break.

above: Anita Menghetti and date have a very enjoyable evening, right on the dance floor.

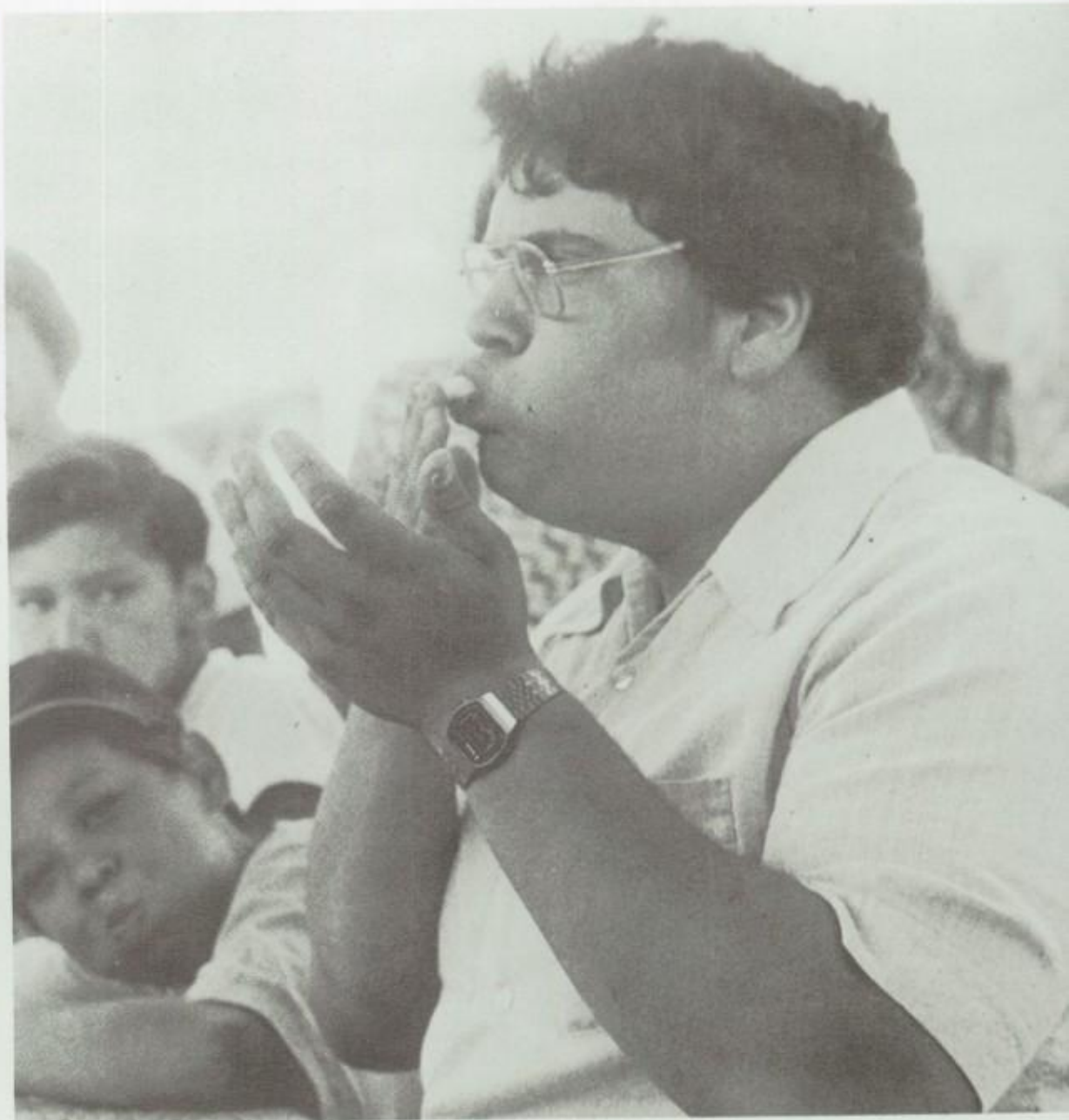
left: Enjoying a mellow song provided by Sunflower, dancers exhibit expressions of enjoyment.



below: Linda Isoni and Kara Bentsen compare their fuzzy friends on Stuffed Animal Day.

right: Robert Merenda demonstrates his phenomenal eating abilities as he represents the Junior Class in the Banana Eating Contest.

far right: Sycamore photography editor Mike McCombs assists Kurry Crane in locating an appropriate picture during the Yearbook Picture Sale.



above: Freshman Verna Chalk performs a hula dance for Laure Bradford on Hawaiian Day.

right: Dressed as Jane for Jungle Day, Susan Haggard compliments a friend on her outfit.

far center right: Julien Martinez, Raul Salcedo, and Robert Merenda try to outdo each other in the Banana eating Contest.





Apathy overwhelms spring activities

Hoping to pull students out of their slump and promote involvement, Rally planned and coordinated 'Spirit Week' during the latter part of May. Efforts once again failed as lack of enthusiasm prevailed, managing only to gain the participation of the 'same old few.'

The week was highlighted by the yearbook staff picture sale, which attracted the majority of the student body wanting to purchase pictures of themselves and fellow classmates.

Jungle Day sparked the enthusiasm of a number of students who dressed in costumes resembling various safari characters. That day, the Banana Eating Contest drew an

interested group of spectators curious to see which contestant could down the required number of bananas the soonest.

Several field trips were taken in the spring by clubs who chose to wait for the warm weather before going. The long spring days, especially near the end of school, provided students with time for swimming in the pool on campus or just getting a tan. As school days became numbered, summer vacation activities were the topic of most conversations, and became excitedly anticipated by weary students and faculty members.



above: MHS students admire 'Mickey Mouse's Playhouse' at the Graffiti Night Car Show in the courtyard.

left: Sue Van Duyn 'porks out' on a piece of cherry pie as Tim Walker checks out her grass skirt.

Assemblies provide informative diversions for eager students

A wide variety of quality assemblies was presented throughout the year by various school groups and clubs desiring to get better acquainted with the student body or to celebrate an important event.

The fall **Sycamore** assembly encouraged students to reserve a copy of the '79 yearbook. Fifty years into the future, as alumni 'Ma' and 'Pa' reminisced while looking at their old memory-packed yearbook, various skits were performed by staff members, bringing their memories of the year to life on stage.

ROTC enthusiasts sponsored a related assembly in which an Air Force Jazz Band performed. BSU students presented their annual assembly in February, performing a play written by advisor Vivian Hawkins entitled 'What is Black to You?' Radio station KFIV and the Pepsi company sponsored an educational multi-media presentation on animation, which was enjoyed by all.

In conjunction with the Cinco de Mayo celebration, MASA members

presented the club's annual assembly in which the celebration queens were announced. The Chicano Youth theater performed 'Honest Sancho's Used Mexican Lot.'

As a result of the collaboration of dance and gymnastic students, another high-quality assembly was presented in May, boasting a variety of entertaining routines and dances.

Mixed emotions were present for the last assembly of the year—the **Sycamore** Dedication Assembly. It consisted of a multi-media presentation of the school year under the '79 yearbook theme and design, and finally, the announcement of the dedication.

To some, assemblies only provided a break from the regular routine of a school day, or a time to 'take off' with friends. But hopefully for most, they were a time to see what clubs and fellow students had painstakingly created, for they were well attended by entertainment-anticipating students.



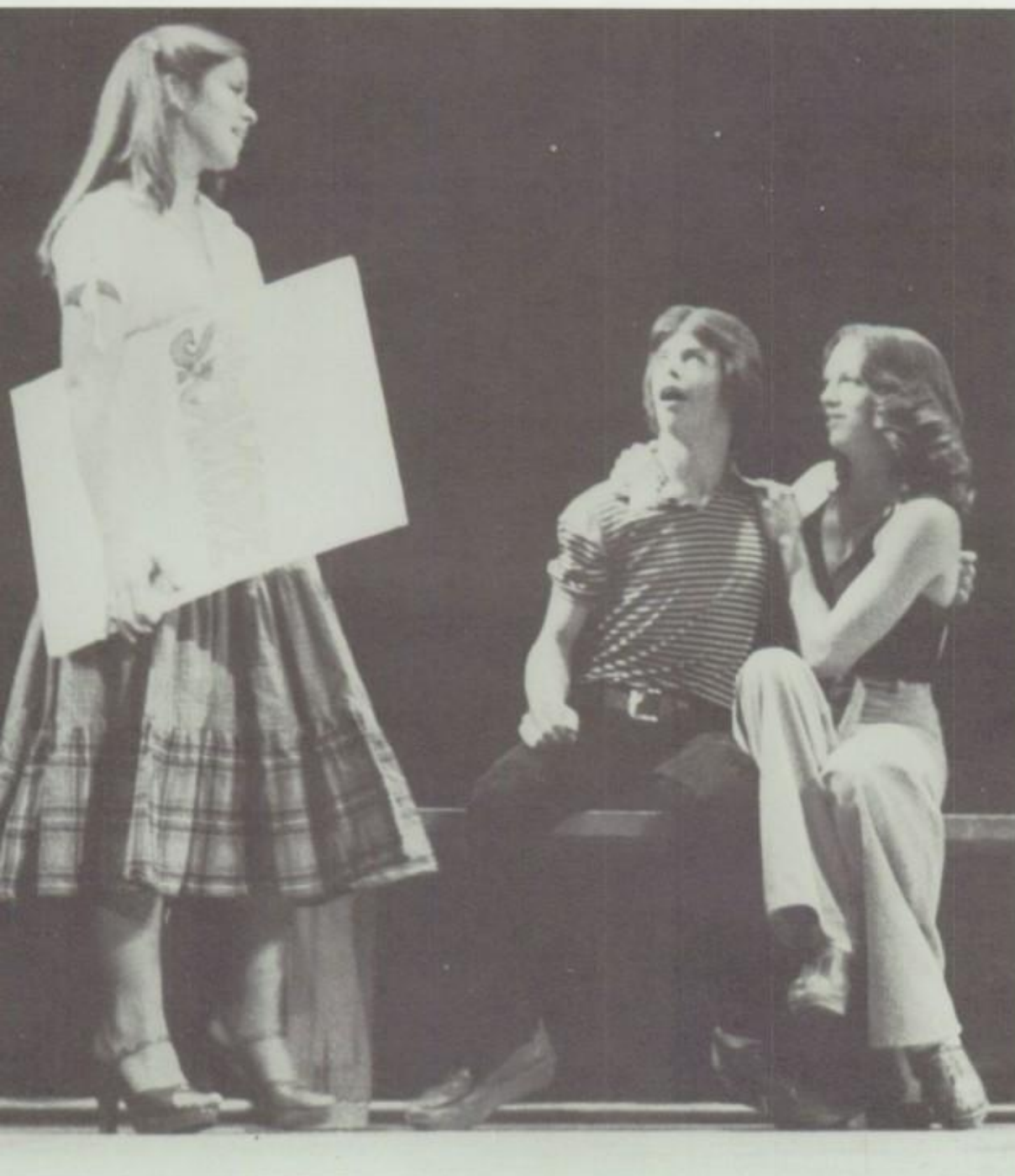
above: Members of the Air Force Jazz Band perform for an ROTC Assembly in the Girls Gym.
upper right: 'Honest Sanchos' (Rick Simental) describes the merits of his 'Used Mexican Low-Rider' (Frank Gonsalves) to prospective customer Belia Palomar at the Cinco de Mayo Assembly.
right: Boys Gymnastics Coach Bill Yard and student Bobby Gratton display their 'hand-on-hand' balance during the Gymnastics Assembly.





left: Mr. Manuel Palazuelos, Mrs. Yvonne Wilson, and Mrs. Joanne Henry anxiously await their departure for the Merced football game during a skit at the Senior Citizens Rally.

below: During the BSU Assembly, Carla Gullatt belts out the song 'Shame.'



above: KFIV disc Jockey presents an album to excited Cecilia Parker after she has correctly answered his questions about the Pepsi Assembly.

left: Jessica Potts leaves Mike McCombs awe-struck with her innocent charm while persuading him to foresake Trina Russell for an enjoyable look at the '79 Sycamore.

right: Joe Schoonover, Dave Howell, Don Corgiat, Floyd Quigley, Ed Faria, Steve McManis, Robbie Chambers, Rocky Vin-nedge, and Nick Artino yell for V-I-C-T-O-R-Y at the King's Rally.

lower right: Kari Simas claps enthusiastically during a chant at the Downey Rally.

lower left: Pep Band members Donny Boucher and Gene Balentine provide music for songleading routines.

below: Various members of the Junior Class show their enthusiasm during the traditional Pep-O-Meter held at the end of each rally.





Exciting rallies generate spirit

Encouraging the athletes and putting the crowd into the spirit for the weekly football and basketball games, rallies were held in anticipation of the night to come.

Each week employed a different theme with rallies preluded by different dress-up days and activities. Beginning the year with a 'Welcome Back' rally, various themes included 'Hawaiian,' 'Okie,' '50's,' and the traditional Homecoming rally. Held on Fridays with a special rally-day schedule, they were eagerly anticipated on the afternoons before a game.

Rallies were opened by the spirit

leaders beginning a chant with the classes seated in designated places in the Girls Gym, followed by various routines and yells. Pep talks by the coaches and the introduction of team captains were made, preceding a skit put on by the mascots and rally girls. Climaxing the entire rally and getting the crowd in spirit for the upcoming game, the Pep-O-Meter provided class competition while motivating students, staff, and team members. After the announcement of the Pep-O-Meter winner for the week, loyal Panthers pointing to the sky joined in unison and tradition to proclaim Panther Pride.



upper left: Michelle Curci shows exuberance during a routine at the Lodi Rally.

above: 'Football players' Donna Payne, Helen Jimenez, and Pam White discuss the next play at the King's Rally.

left: Robert Merenda appears vicious as 'King Komeoniwanaleiu' at the Hawaiian Rally.

'Red-and-Black' patriotism shunned despite largest-ever fall sign-ups

Signing up two hundred forty members, including sixty four freshmen at the beginning of the year, Commissioners Deana Crook, Lois Hunnicutt, and Sharon Lubeck were optimistic at the prospect of a strong General Rally. But their hopes were shattered early in the football season as many members, including nearly forty boys, neglected to wear the standard red-and-black outfits on Fridays, preferring instead the less restrictive and more anonymous gym bleachers during rallies.

Expanding on Spirit Week Activities with Tuesday through Thursday crazy dress-up days, while reserving Fridays for Victory Day and afternoon rally, Commissioners and Rally Executives watched in dismay as early enthusiasm rapidly diminished and fewer and fewer rally members wore their outfits to rallies or represented MHS at games.

Spirit funnels at half-time events were mostly populated by members of the Marching Band, causing an embarrassing and disappointing

display of school pride. In addition to lack of support at games, other spirit obligations were often neglected by rally members, leaving to a dedicated few the countless hours of work each week painting signs and decorating the main hall for Fridays.

As in previous years, sponsoring and planning the eagerly-anticipated Turkey Trot was assigned to General Rally. Yet, due to the apathy of its members, the popular and well-attended fall formal dance lost money.

Winter-Spring Rally, headed by Teri Powell and Deana Crook, also showed poor attendance at rallies and games. The lack of spirit exemplified by apathetic members was in marked contrast to the enthusiasm of previous years and inevitably affected the spirit of the student body as a whole. Despite the unselfish spirit displayed by those who remained involved, General Rally, as a group, was disappointing and undependable.



above: Belonging to the ever-dwindling group of loyal Rally members, Pamela Short, Irene Spani and Irena Corgiat fulfill their duties by painting spirit signs for the Beyer Rally.

right: Beaming with enjoyment, sophomore Ricky Taylor maintains the lead in the Tricycle Race at the 'Okie Rally.'

far right: Tami Hastie and Peggy Palmer exchange opinions on the quality of the first Winter Rally.



left: Freshmen Rally members Lorna Hennessee, Teresa Brasil, Shelly Avila, Tara Bettencourt, Regina Avila, Dorsela Aldana, Karol Corgiat, and Lou Christiansen join together at the Davis Rally to sing the School Hymn.

left center: Displaying an undaunted spirit, juniors Kay Petty, George Soars, Kathy Kunkel, Patricia Rosales, and Rosie Rosas excitedly anticipate the night's possibilities during the Davis Rally.

Below, General Rally, front row: Lois Hunnicutt, Sharon Lubeck, Robby Robbins, Nick Artino, Danny Borba, Rocky Vinnedge, Floyd Quigley, Deana Crook, Teri Powell. **second row:** Pam White, Lori Conrad, Penny Todaro, Andrea Heersink, Melanie Morrow, Robert Merenda, Teresa Chavez, Irene

Spani, Pam Short, Ruth Richards, Anita Velo. **third row:** Bernadine Nunes, Lorna Hennessee, Dorsela Aldana, Stephanie McGrath, Gina Delre, Gina Furtado, Theresa Brasil, Jessica King, Susan Casey, Lisa Duke. **fourth row:** Kris Cole, Donna Payne, Kay Petty, Edie Lau, Margaret Payne, Sharon Bertozzi, Mattie Allard, Tina Mitts, Pam Belcher, Laquita Armstrong, Rosanna Molina, Lisa Pimental. **fifth row:** Cindy Borges, Laure Bradford, Jessica Potts, Raydene Travao, Linda Gonsalves, Lolly Tuggle, Deidre Bradford, Linda Isoni, Dena Avila, Colette Avila, Rebecca Pacheco, Regina Avila, Janise Sutton. **sixth row:** Michele Curci, Barbara Ustick, Kari Simas, Terri Carlton, Sue Van Duyn, Marianne Van der Burgh, Coleen Miller, Melisa Palmer, Karen Corgiat, Suzanne Crum, Sabrena Reim.



above: Reliving the rebellious and apathetic 50's so parallel to the late 70's, Kenny Olson, Keith Watts, Scott Williams, Pam White, Lori Conrad, Robert Merenda, Gwendy Hurst, Kathy Kunkel, Linda Isoni, Colette Avila, and Anita Velo experience a part of their parent's past during 50's Day.

Rally Execs raise fallen spirits, bring new life with crazy themes

Selecting Rally Executive members at the beginning of each semester, the Rally Commissioners set the criteria at being an active Rally member for four previous semesters as well as an enthusiastic spirit-sparker. Honored by their selection, each girl willingly led a special Rally committee such as sign painting, hall and stadium decorating, sports appreciation, and numerous other spirit-promoting activities.

One of the highlights during the fall was the traditional Slave Day. Each Rally Exec was assigned to a varsity football player, and served as his slave for the day. The bizarre, fun-filled day began with each Exec taking her 'master' to breakfast at the local Sambo's, with the rest of the day spent taking commands and performing subservient duties.

A specific theme was planned for each rally, deviating from previous

years. Themes included Hawaii, Okie, and Senior Citizens, and each became an extremely successful rally. Commissioners designated two or three days each week as Dress-up Days, with one of them corresponding to that week's theme during the fall.

Enthusiasm was sparked by class competitions at rallies. New contests such as a tricycle race and blindfolded ice cream eating contest provided fun for both spectators and participants.

Throughout the year, promoting involvement and school spirit was the main objective of the Rally Execs. Their dedication to rally activities and efforts to promote enthusiasm among the general rally members were often futile, yet the fall sports season was innovative and unusual, as many new ideas were put into action in an effort to raise the low level of school spirit.



above: Portraying their future personalities, Deidre Bradford, Pam White, Kathy Kunkel, Dena Avila, and John Bradford hobble into the cafeteria for their nutrition break on Senior Citizen Day.

upper right: Carrying out one of the many tasks relating to Rally, Winter-Spring Commissioners Teri Powell and Deana Crook hang a sign painted by a faithfully Rally Exec.

center right: On Fifties Day, Deidre Bradford practices her "Aay..." while posing with Kari Simas and Pam White for fellow students to admire their 'new styles.'

right: Joyce Borba bubbles with enthusiasm at the outcome of the Davis game.



below, Rally Exec, front row: Deana Crook, Tracy Swartz, Deidre Bradford, Linda Isoni, Raydene Travao, Linda Goncalves, Desi Angle, Peggy Palmer, Doreen Tuggle, Kay Petty, Lois Hunnicutt, second row: Teri Powell, Colette Avila, Dena Avila, Terri Carlton, San-

dy O'Dell, Lori Conrad, Nina Satriles, Carol Sherman, Kathy Kunkel, Pam White, Anita Velo, Sharon Lubeck. third row: Jessica Potts, Tami Hastie, Margaret Payne, Barbara Ustick, Becky Couchman, Joyce Borba, Gretchen Peek.



above left: Rally Execs Dena Avila, Desi Angle, Gretchen Peek, Linda Isoni, Kay Petty, and Barbara Ustick discuss shifts for working in the concession stand, as Regina Avila inspects the list of volunteers.

above: Fall Rally Commissioners Deana Crook, Lois Hunnicutt, and Sharon Lubeck update the Spirit Display by charting the results of the latest Pep-O-Meter contest.

left: Preparing to play the part of spectators during the Turlock Rally, Rally Execs Raydene Travao, Lori Conrad, Ruth Richards, Peggy Palmer, Colette Avila, Linda Isoni, and Tami Hastie wait the signal to run onto the gym floor.

Fall Frosh-Soph sports teams cheered by enthusiastic spirit leaders

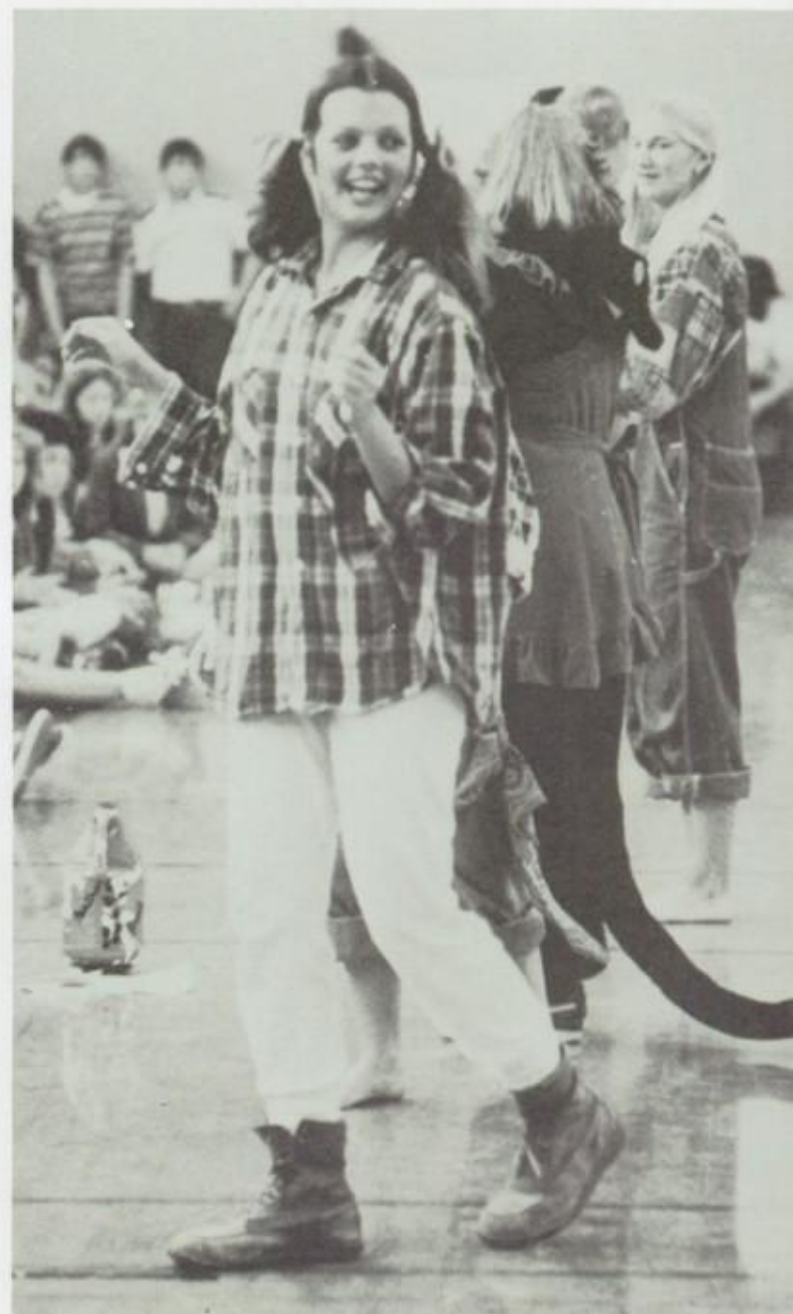
An enthusiastic display of spirit became an integral part of maintaining class support, as Freshman and Sophomore Spiritleaders soon discovered. The job of spirit leading is a continuous activity, and frosh cheerleaders found themselves fortunate to direct the most spirited Freshman Class in many years. The many successful rallies reflected the dedication of the leaders as the numerous hours of work and practice became worthwhile.

Chosen immediately prior to football season, the frosh yell leaders wasted no time in preparing numerous outstanding routines with hopes of raising the spirit of their teams. Although many talented freshman girls auditioned for the job, the squad could consist of only four members. The average football season for the Freshman Team was

made unique by the far from average level of enthusiasm.

The sophomore squad was comprised of four yell leaders and four song leaders. To prepare both the Sophomore and Varsity Spiritleaders for the fall duties, Berkeley spiritleaders were hired by advisor Carolyn Leathers, and held a five-day workshop during the summer. In it, the girls learned new chants and routines, while eliminating the need to attend a costly summer camp. A car wash and bake sale were held to help pay for the cost of the professional talent.

Although the fall sports season boasted few victories, a dedicated and hard-working cheerleading squad was continuously supportive of the teams, and continued to promote school spirit after the completion of their term.



above: Sophomore Songleader Michelle Curci anticipates the start of a routine at a fall rally.

upper right: Enthusiastic Sophomore Yell leader Susan Singleton peps up the Panthers at the Oakie Rally.



above, Fall Sophomore Spiritleaders, front: Rhonda Bradley (head), Ellen McHale, Susan Singleton, Susan Casey. **standing:** Gina Furtado, Edie Lau, Genise Van Duyn, Michelle Curci (head).



left, Fall Freshman Yell Leaders: Maureen Simpson, Laure Bradford, Susan Haggard, Lolly Tuggle (head).

below: Bunny McHale and Susan Casey reverse rolls with the football players at the King's Rally.



above left: Confident freshmen yell leaders end their routine with an impressive formation.

above: Trying to decide on a crowd-pleasing yell, the freshmen yell leaders look toward the stands for inspiration.

left: Spiritleaders Susan Casey, Susan Singleton, Rhonda Bradley, Lolly Tuggle, and Michelle Curci perform their famous 'Greased Lightning' routine at the 50's Rally.



Hardworking spiritleaders survive spring season despite indifference

Freshman and sophomore spring spiritleaders continued where their forerunners left off by promoting spirit and enthusiasm among the student body to the end of the year.

Initially, the spring squad of sophomore spiritleaders consisted of four yell leaders and four song leaders. This year, for the first time in several years, the spiritleaders' citizenship grades and scholastic records were investigated by the Student Council to compare with the requirements stated in spiritleaders' contracts. Enforcement of the strict guidelines brought an early conclusion to one spiritleader's term.

The eager freshmen spiritleaders completed their term with the four original spring yell leaders, and persisted in living up to Panther expectations. The hardworking spiritleaders served to spark enthusiasm at the basketball games, and to entertain spectators during halftime. In general, the primary job of the spiritleaders was to keep spirit alive during the spring season, although it was a difficult task. With the numerous sports events happening in the spring, even dedicated spectators found it difficult to attend many sports activities. But the spiritleaders faced the difficult season with determined spirit and forceful enthusiasm.



upper right: Colleen Miller, Cynthia Smith, and Tami Walker boogie down during halftime.

above, Spring Freshman Spiritleaders: Lisa Duke, Karen Fernandes, Dede Mark, Cindy Borges.

center right: Attempting to spark enthusiasm, Cynthia Smith, Tami Walker, and Colleen Miller shout 'GO MODESTO!'

right: Lisa Duke and Karen Fernandes inspire the sophomore team with 'Modesto's Number One!'





upper center, Spring Sophomore Spiritleaders, front: Tami Walker, Sabrina Reim. **back:** Cynthia Smith, Suzanne Osterero, Coby Snyder, Colleen Miller.

upper right: Tami Walker and Suzanne Osterero are airborne during their routine at a rally.

above: Karen Fernandes, Lisa Duke, Cindy Borges, and Dede Mark anxiously await the outcome of the sophomore game.

left: Karen Fernandes shrieks with delight as Modesto gains two more points.

right, Fall Varsity Spiritleaders, front: Trina Russell, Lori Conrad, Colette Avila, Kari Simas, Margaret Payne, Raydene Travao. second row: Helen Jimenez, Donna Payne, Anita Menghetti, Pam White.



above, Mascots, front row: Nina Satriles, Ruth Richards, Anita Velo. second row: Robert Merenda, Sherril Sather.

above right: Displaying both uncertainty and determination, mascots Ruth Richards and Anita Velo attempt to raise the spirits of the crowd in hopes of a good game.

right: Varsity Songleaders Trina Russell, Lori Conrad, and Margaret Payne display their high kicks during a half-time performance.





'Panther Pride' includes new kittens; spirit leaders innovate style

Devoting many long and tedious hours to practice, beginning early in the summer, and investing hard-earned money on outfits and lessons, the Varsity Spirit Leaders set out to promote enthusiasm, loyalty, and pride among incoming students as well as returning Panthers. Large amounts of unrecognized energy was devoted towards raising money to cover the numerous necessities that being a member of the squad required.

The 78-79 spirit leaders broke the annual tradition of reserving a week for cheerleading camp during the summer. Professional spirit leaders from UC Berkeley were hired to instruct the cheerleaders. Coming to MHS for a week, their expertise allowed for a more extensive, personal training while cutting down on the expense of the usual camp. Chants, disco moves, and new routines were taught. These techniques improved and sharpened the talents of the leaders while their innovative style brightened

the arduous hours of practice.

Mascots Percy and Pricilla, filled with innovative plans and ideas for the fall season, added three 'kittens' to the Panther Family, which motivated and spirited the crowds at rallies and games.

Applying their new ideas, the Varsity Songleaders entered a 20-school competition at MJC early in the fall and earned a third place award with their unique style.

As football season got underway, spirit leaders, with aid from advisor Caroline Leathers, produced some of the best rallies in recent years. Unity among the spirit leaders was a vital ingredient to running the fall sports rallies, as seventh period song and yell leading class was the only time that the leaders were together at one time all week. The class provided extra time for adding the 'finishing touches' to a new routine to be used on Friday, to gain experience through practice, or to build new skills.



upper left: Varsity Songleaders Colette Avila and Kari Simas enthusiastically go through their routine during a halftime performance.

above left: Varsity Spiritleaders ride the victory bell trailer before the game to arouse the crowd and raise the spirit.

above right: Raydene Travao, Colette Avila and Trina Russell hold their fingers up proudly while singing the school hymn.

left: Varsity Spiritleaders (front) Pam White, Helen Jimenez, Anita Menghetti, Donna Payne, Peggy Palmer, (back) Lori Conrad, Margaret Payne, Trina Russell, and Colette Avila arouse the crowd to promote victory.

right: During a spring rally, Linda Goncalves, Sherril Sather, and Sue Van Duyn keep time with the beat of the Pep Band.

below, Spring Varsity Spiritleaders, front row: Jessica Potts, Carol Sherman. **back row:** Linda Goncalves, Penny Todaro, Michelle Rocha, Sue Van Duyn, Toni Taylor, Anita Nation, Sherril Sather.

lower center: Trying to cut down on the glare of the bright gymnasium lights, mascot Jessica Potts tries out a new pair of 'shades.'



Spring varsity spiritleaders felled by SC investigation of citizenship, grades

Spring Varsity Spiritleaders experienced a unique yet unfortunate season, different from any other in the history of Modesto High.

The spiritleaders, under the direction of Ms. Carolyn Leathers, began the basketball season with the two traditional mascots, Percy and Priscilla, omitting the 'kittens' begun in the fall.

Yell and song leaders had been chosen at the end of the previous year, as is customary, allowing time for organization during summer vacation. Ironically though, several of the spiritleaders chosen in the spring resigned before their term began, or felt compelled to quit during the fall season due to several

unfortunate conflicts. As a result, tryouts were held again, before the spring season began, to find replacements for the absent spiritleaders.

An investigation conducted by the Student Council of all spiritleaders' citizenship grades and scholastic records left the spring Varsity Spiritleaders with a total of five members. The remaining yell and song leaders recombined themselves to perform routines at rallies and during half-times as one group.

This small but dedicated squad continued to support basketball, baseball, and track teams and display the traditional spirit for which they are known.





left: With mixed emotions, Michelle Rocha, Toni Taylor, Sherril Sather, and Linda Goncalves conclude their routine during a basketball rally.
below: Jessica Potts, Carol Sherman, Linda Gonclaves, and Sherril Sather 'take it way down low' for victory at a spring rally.



far left: Showing that we are Number One, Penny Todaro, Anita Nation, Sherril Sather, and Toni Taylor proudly sing the school hymn at the close of a victorious game.

left: Penny Todaro, Linda Goncalves, and Sherril Sather enthusiastically keep the crowd going with a spirited chant during the Merced game.

above: Sue Van Duyn watches the varsity team warm up, as Linda Goncalves and Penny Todaro discuss what they will do after the game.

Fall Royalty

Sharon Lubeck
varsity attendant

Deana Crook
varsity queen

Bunny McHale
sophomore queen



Winter-Spring Royalty

Lora Alexander
sophomore queen

Luz Ramirez
varsity attendant

Lori Conrad
varsity queen



Choosing royalty to represent fall and winter sports teams is one high school tradition which hasn't become meaningless with age; instead, twice a year it brings eagerness and excitement to the entire student body. Those who are chosen have, in various ways, proven themselves worthy of the honor, yet few actually make it a personal goal.

For Deana Crook, Fall Homecoming Queen, the long hours spent promoting, implementing, even generating school spirit through her work as a sophomore spiritleader, junior Rally Executive, and senior Rally Commissioner more than qualified her to receive the honor.

Spring Homecoming Queen Lori Conrad was active in rally all four years as well as being both sophomore and varsity songleader. In addition to promoting school spirit, Lori was also a member of various sports teams.

Junior Sharon Lubeck, chosen Fall Varsity Attendant, became involved in student government as a freshman as well as being top seeded on the Girls Tennis Team. As for spirit, Sharon has been in Rally for three years and was a song leader as a sophomore. This year as Fall Rally Commissioner she worked vigorously on planning rally activities and spirit weeks.

Luz Ramirez, Spring Varsity Attendant, played a large part in supporting the MHS soccer team, which is gaining more popularity and recognition each season. A new face on campus, Lora Alexander, Sophomore Queen, has proven herself in athletics and academics, playing on the volleyball and basketball teams.

Outstanding spiritleaders honored by athletes with selection to MHS Royalty



above: Deana Crook and Bunny McHale discuss the thrill of being chosen to the Royalty of MHS.

top: Edie Lau, Susan Singleton, and Genise Van Duyn congratulate Bunny McHale as her name is announced for Fall Sophomore Queen.

center: Sharon Lubeck displays shock after being named Fall Varsity Attendant as she dazedly walks to the throne.

center right: Lori Conrad expresses her joy after being crowned Spring Varsity Queen.

above right: Spring Varsity Attendant Luz Ramirez is in awe after being crowned Spring Varsity Attendant.

above left: Spring Sophomore Queen Lora Alexander shows a pleased winning smile.

Rough and tough but not enough

Returning to another unsuccessful season, the Varsity Football Team again contained a large number of juniors. Despite the team's general small size, both in the number of players and their weight, a pessimistic attitude never prevailed among the coaches or the squad members, even though the team was rarely picked to win by the **Modesto Bee**.

Pre-season forecasts proved undependable, as the Panthers provided some unpredictable competition for many of their opponents, from a thrilling 18-16 loss in the final minutes of play to CCC league favorite Merced, to a barely-managed 6-6 tie with cellar-dweller Atwater.

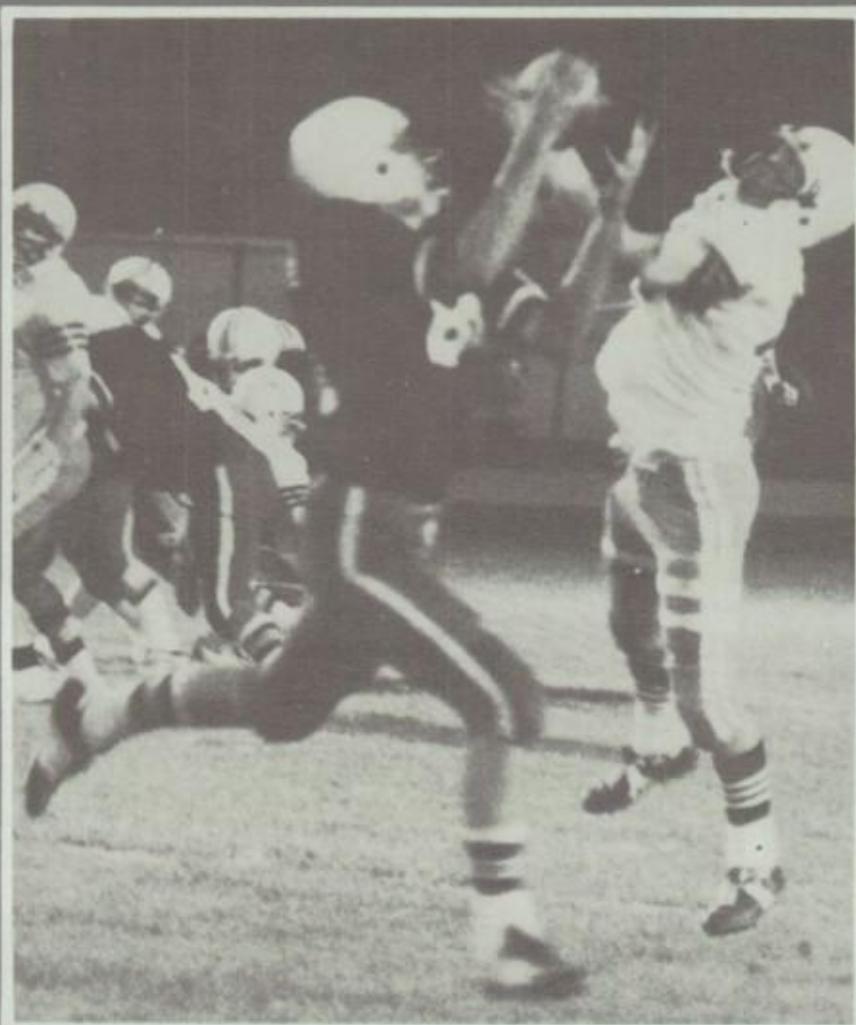
With quarterback Dan May calling many of his own plays, the Panther offense posed a continual scoring threat, yet only rarely were games concluded with an MHS victory.

Without doubt, the most exciting and significant game was the 10-0 win over Davis on the final night of play, which knotted a four-way tie in the CCC and forced Davis out of the city championship, thereby avenging a 42-7 loss at the Spartans' hands early in the season.



Above, Varsity Football Team, front row: Robby Robbins, Dan Borba, Frank Gwerder, Bryan Marconett, Don Corgiat, Nick Artino, Joe Schoonover, Jesse Salas. second row: Chava Cardenas, David Grays, Mark Ferguson, Joe Brazil,

Floyd Quigley. third row: Ken Faria, Jose Perez, Mark Ketchum, Larry Mendonza, Mick Hardenbrook, Roy Ensey, Pat McKee. fourth row: Rocky Vinedge, Jeff Woodbridge, Darrel Boyles, Mike Hyer, Ruben Martinez, Tim Schoonover, Alan Bodiford, David Page.



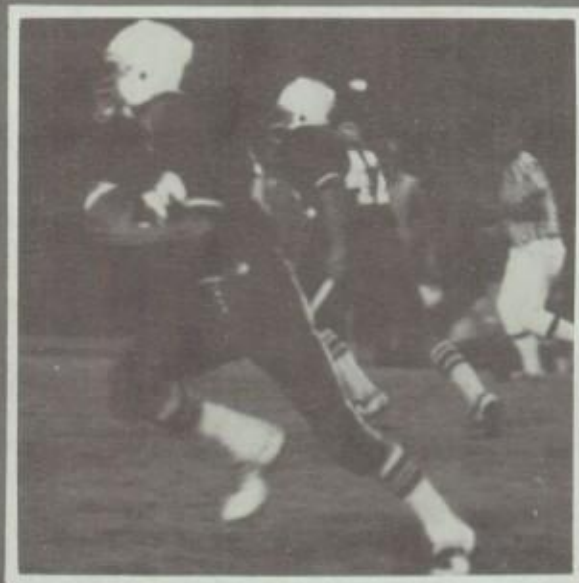
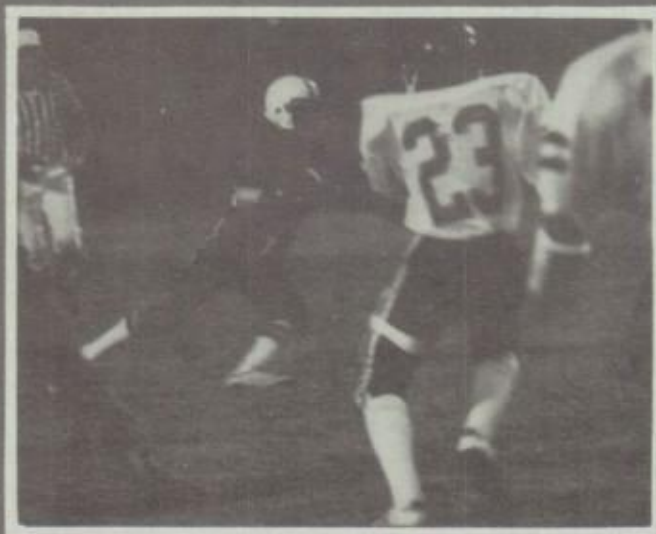
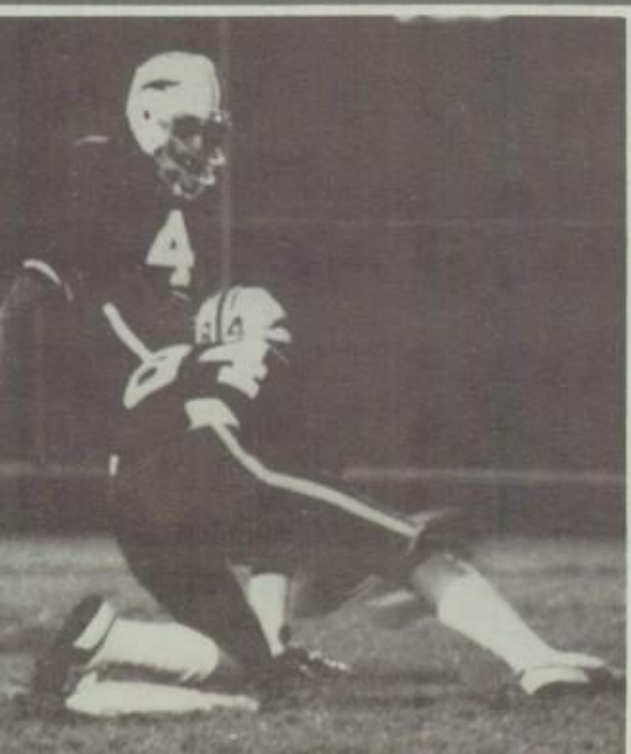
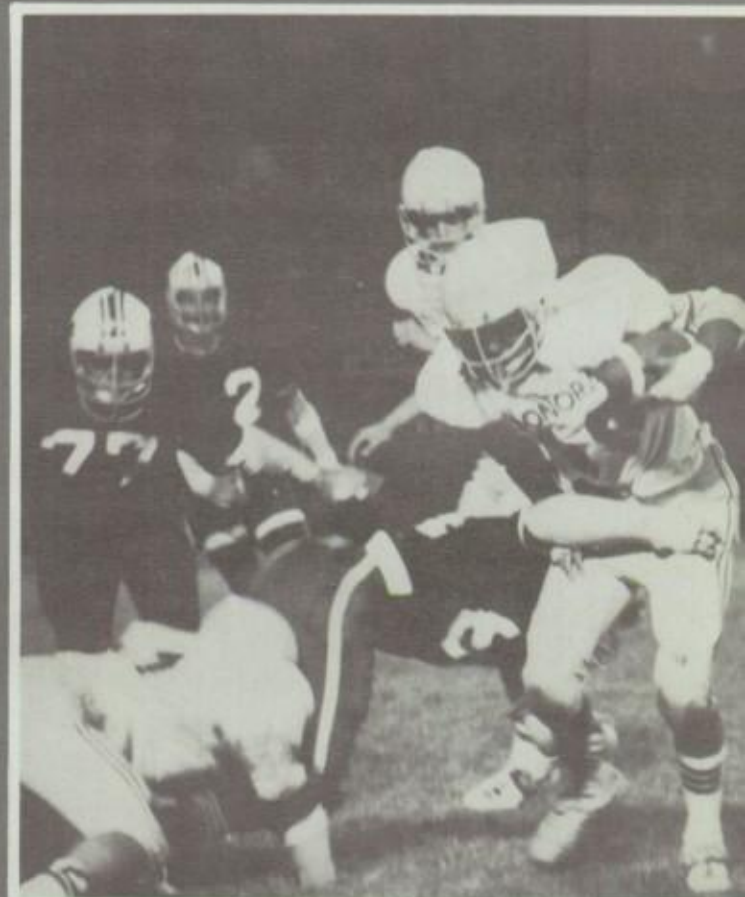
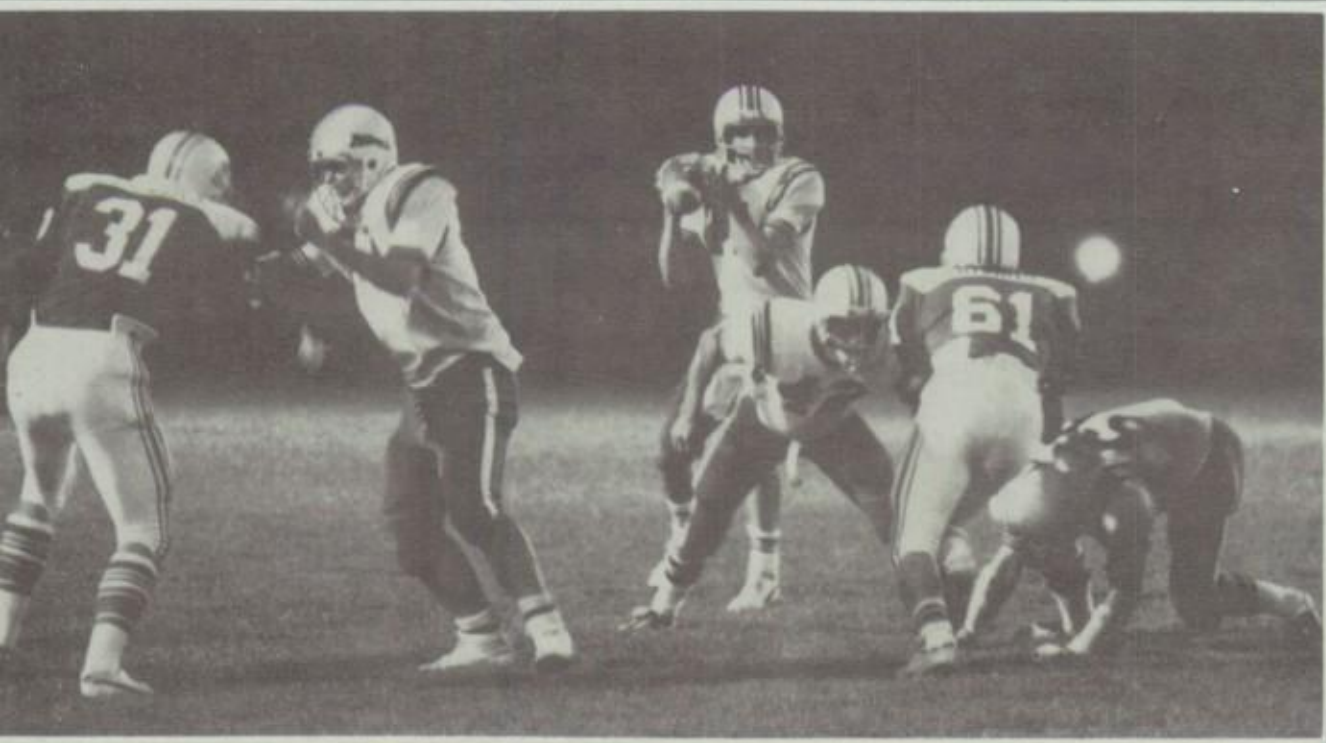
far left: Halfback David Grays runs to the outside as Roy Ensey blocks for him.

center: Quarterback Danny May sets a handoff to David Gray, one of MHS's high rushers for the season.

left: Tight end Darrel Boyles receives a sideline pass over Downey in an attempt for another touchdown.

below: During the first game of the season, Joey Brasil and Bryan Marconett run to the aid of Darrel Boyles as he tackles as Sonora runner.

center: While linemen Danny Guzzi, Floyd Quigley and Victor Brasil block against Beyer, Danny May scans the field in vain for an open receiver.



above: During the game against Sonora, Pat McKee executes a flanker reverse.

left: Halfback David Grays cuts sharply in front of East Union defenders.

far left: Darrel Boyles holds the ball while Francisco Sandoval kicks 10 yards for a field goal.

Cats couldn't cut it

4th quarter fades hand Panthers season defeat

A hefty defensive line coupled with skillful backs kept fans' hopes alive, although fourth quarters often overpowered the exhausted Panthers. Even so, the team attitude was undaunted by internal dissension or individualism, and was compared to the championship team of 1972 in its courage, morale, and unity.

Gridders receiving recognition by their teammates included Dan May as most valuable and best offensive player, Joe Brasil as best defensive player, Jeff Woodbridge as Iron Man, Ruben Martinez as Head Hunter, and Nick Artino as most improved.

The Central California Conference Offensive Team contained Dan May as quarterback, the only Panther to snag a spot on the first team. The second team contained David Grays and Floyd Quigley on Offense, and Jeff Woodbridge, Ruben Martinez and Joe Brasil on Defense.

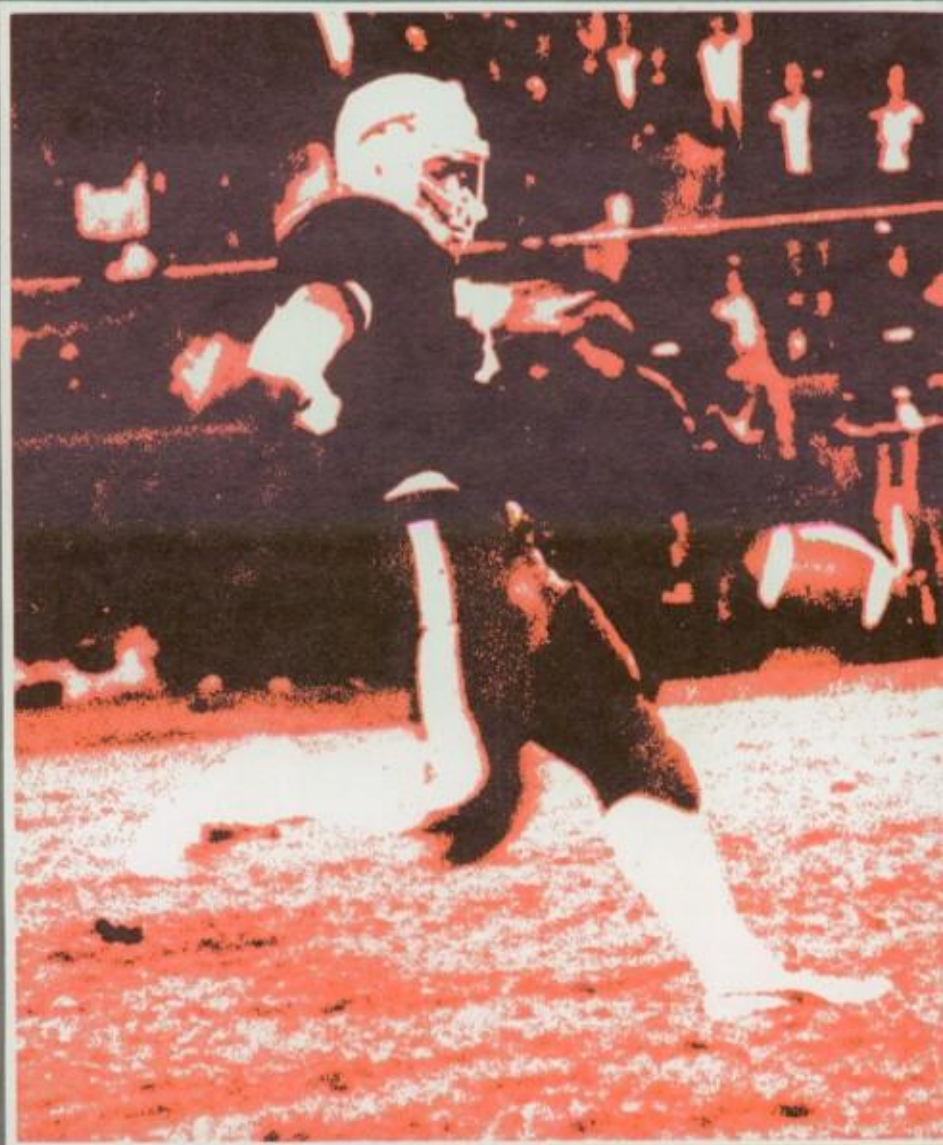
The Panthers' most satisfying victory was over Lodi. With less than 30 seconds remaining, MHS led 13-9, but Lodi had possession on the 28 with a 4th down. Because of a penalty, a broken clock, and general confusion, the Flames were allowed four attempts to score. The poised Panthers, displaying the defensive capabilities which kept them in contention all season, held the Flames to a loss each time.



top: Jumping with excitement, Darrel Boyles signals to his team mates that another touchdown has been completed and victory is imminent against East Union.

above: With the protection of Floyd Quigley, Danny May fades back looking for an open receiver.

right: Tim Schoonover punts deep into opponents territory as Sonora takes possession of the ball.



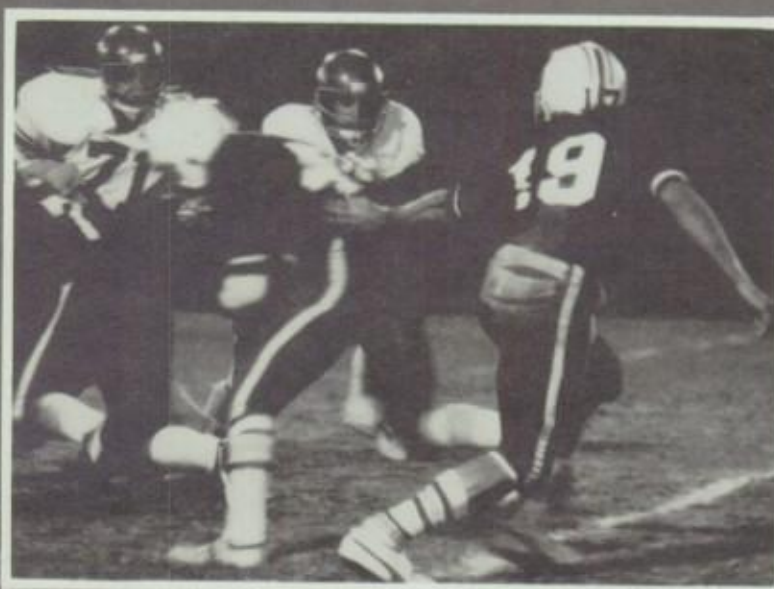
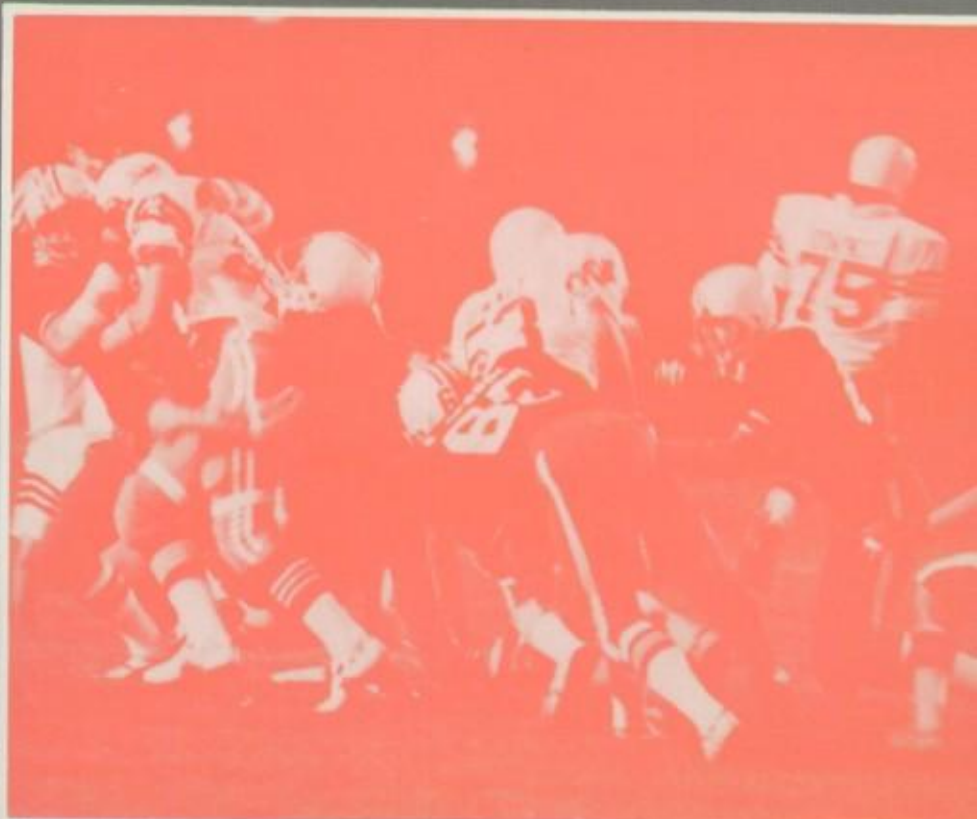


MODESTO	OPPONENT	
7	Sonora	14
7	Davis	42
13	Lodi	9
7	Downey	33
16	Merced	18
7	Turlock	21
7	Beyer	21
29	East Union	6
6	Atwater	6
10	Davis	0

left: Struggling for yardage, David Grays keeps a strong grip on the ball as he is pulled to the ground by the Downey defense.

below: Tim Schoonover and Danny Borba defend ground with a tackle after a Downey runner evades Kevin George and Floyd Quigley.

middle left: Mark Ferguson endures the disappointing result of an injury while Dan May consoles him along the sideline.



above: Running back David Grays takes advantage of an opportunity to gain yards up the middle after a quick hand-off from Danny May.

left: Despite David Grays' effort to gain yardage, Modesto is set back on a call of clipping against Kenny Faria and Brian Miller.

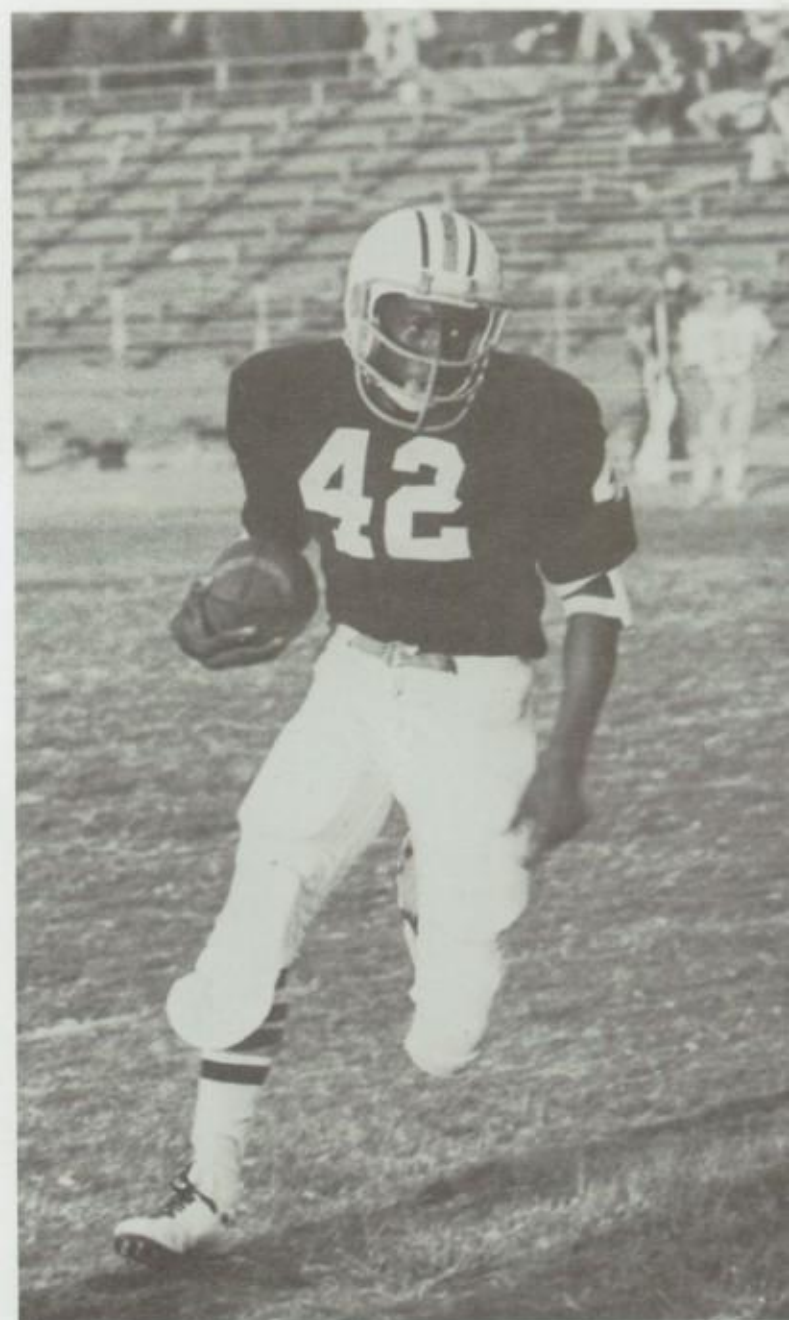
Big Red Machine suffers breakdown

Although the Sophomore Football Team began the season with thirty players, injuries and apathy whittled the already small team down to minimal size. Frequently there remained no extra players on the sidelines as the entire team faced their opponents without the possibility of relying on substitutes. As a result, mental errors and fatigue were the causes of many losses, as players succumbed to their opponents' greater numbers and undaunted determination.

Despite the numerous parallels between this and last year's teams, not a single victory was celebrated throughout the season, and the team's embarrassing record was fixed at 10-0. Both years, the team suffered as coaches John Miller and Paul Abby discontentedly watched players who possessed considerable talent which could have benefitted the team greatly altogether forsake football for other activities. Also, several of last year's freshmen gridgers were ruled ineligible this fall

due to the new rule regarding unsatisfactory grades in citizenship. Even though the sophomore team mustered up no wins, coaches Miller and Abby were pleased with the optimistic attitude and longing for victory that was constantly prevalent among their dedicated athletes, several of whom displayed potential for their varsity years. Outstanding players included Ed Faria, Bill McGill, Robert Figueroa, Frank Gonzales, and Charles Tademy.

MODESTO	OPPONENT	
6	Sonora	19
12	Davis	14
6	Lodi	29
7	Downey	24
7	Merced	17
0	Turlock	12
7	Beyer	16
14	East Union	19
0	Atwater	34
12	Davis	36



above, Sophomore Football Team, front row: Carlos Heredia, Robert Grays, Mike Cain, Gilbert Yberra, Gentry Quinn, Paul Harrison, Danny Barksdale, Jeff Scoggins, Robert Chambers. second row: Sixto Porras, Rolando Meek,

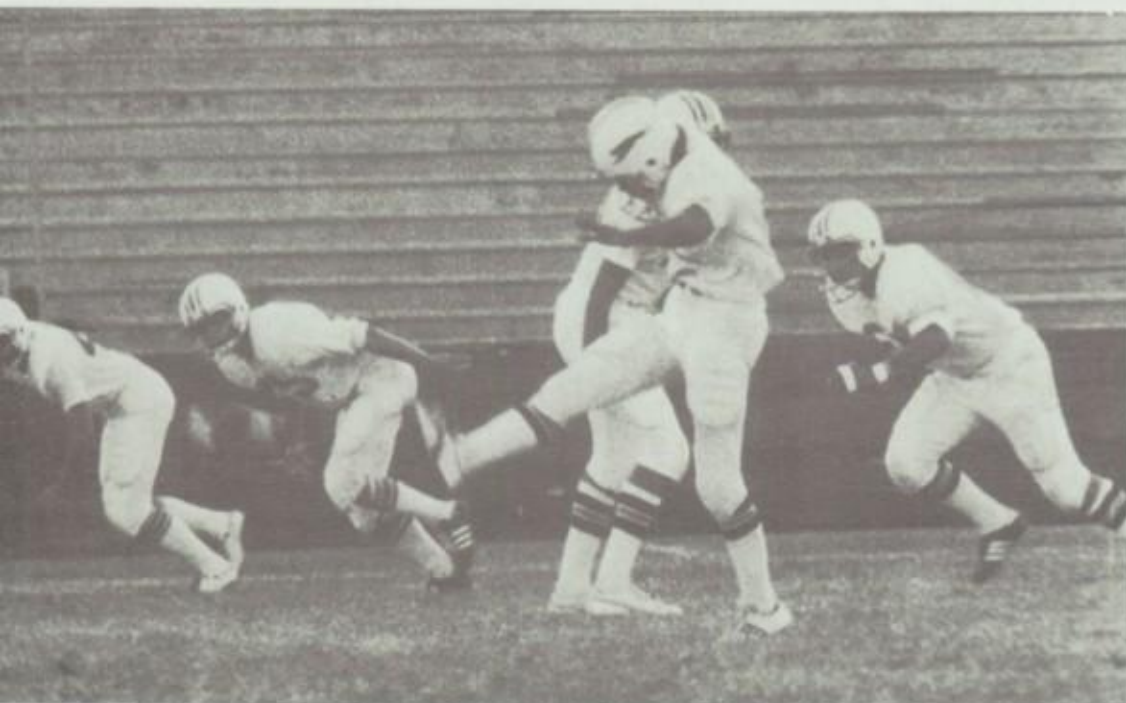
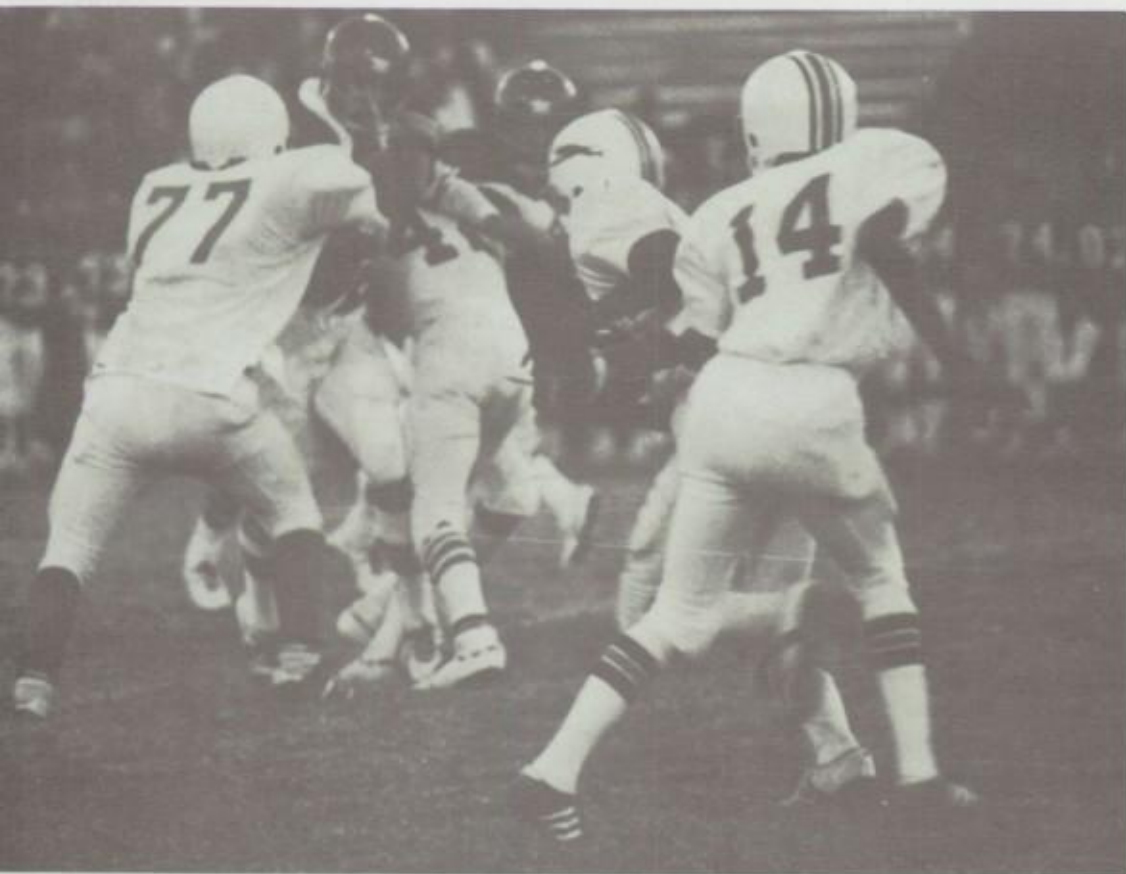
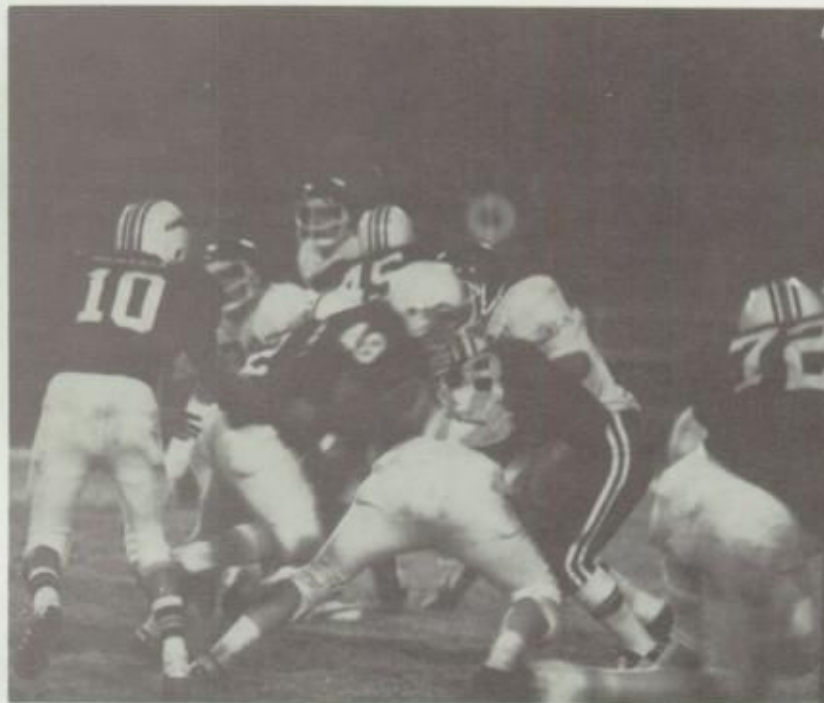
Steve Moffre, Adam Perez, Robert Figueroa, Richard Bell, John Brower, Rick Taylor, Ernie Louis, Henry Sandoval. back row: Bill McGill, Fred Miller, David Howell, Mike Louis, Frank Gonzales, Eddie Faria, Charles Tademy, Gerald Sangster, Carlos Gracia.



far left: Robert Grays sweeps around right end for a touchdown in the Davis game.

left: Mike "Maddog" Lewis retains balance as a Sonora tackler rips off a piece of his jersey.

below: Receiving a handoff from Carlos Heredia, Robert Grays plunges through a hold opened by lineman Carlos Gracia.



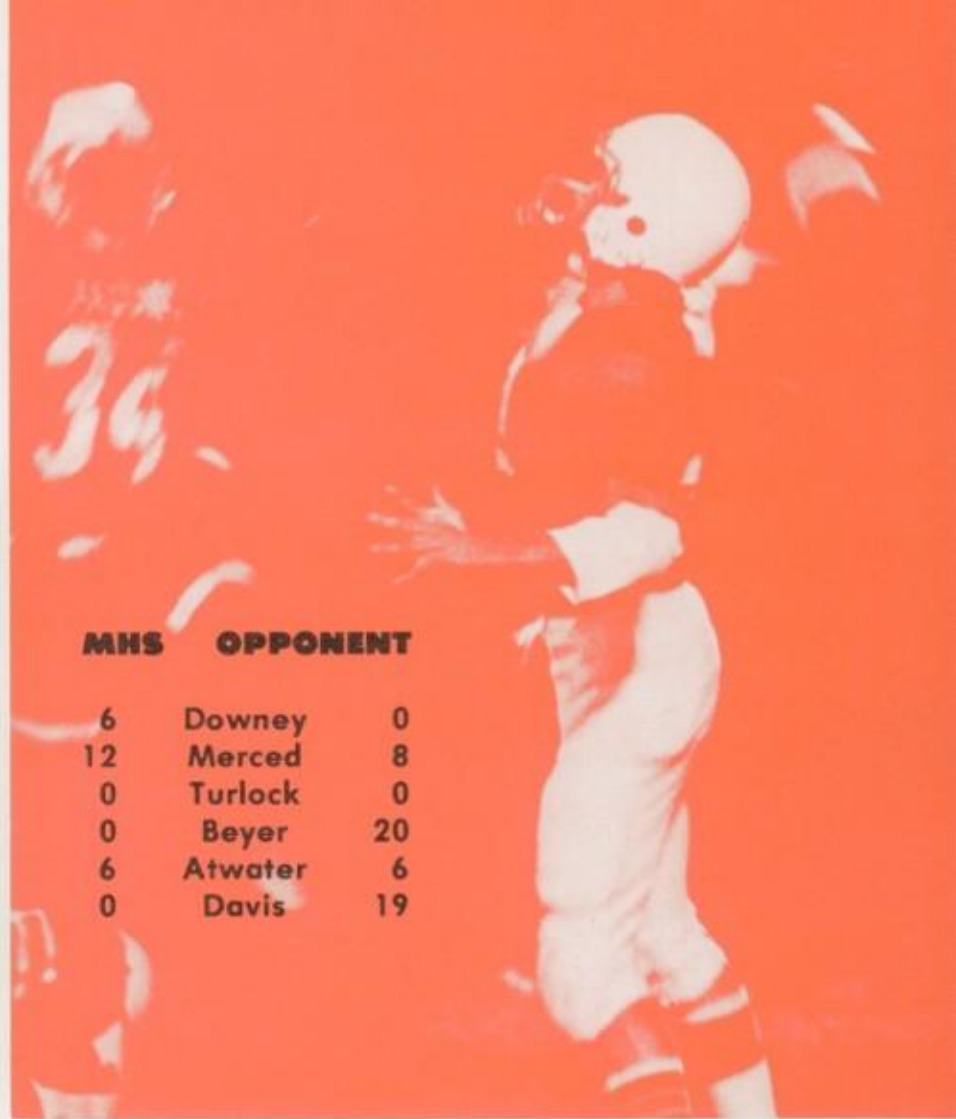
center left: Beginning the kickoff rush, John Brower, Rick Chambers, Frank Gonzales, and Adam Perez race down field behind Gentry Quinn's kick.

above: Gentry Quinn starts around left end while looking for an opening.

left: As Fred Miller creates an opening, Mike "Maddog" Lewis rushes through with a Carlos Heredia handoff.

below: Steve Hawkins rushes to assist Danny Long as he is sandwiched by two Atwater players.

right: Danny Long passes to an open man over Falcon defense in the Atwater game.

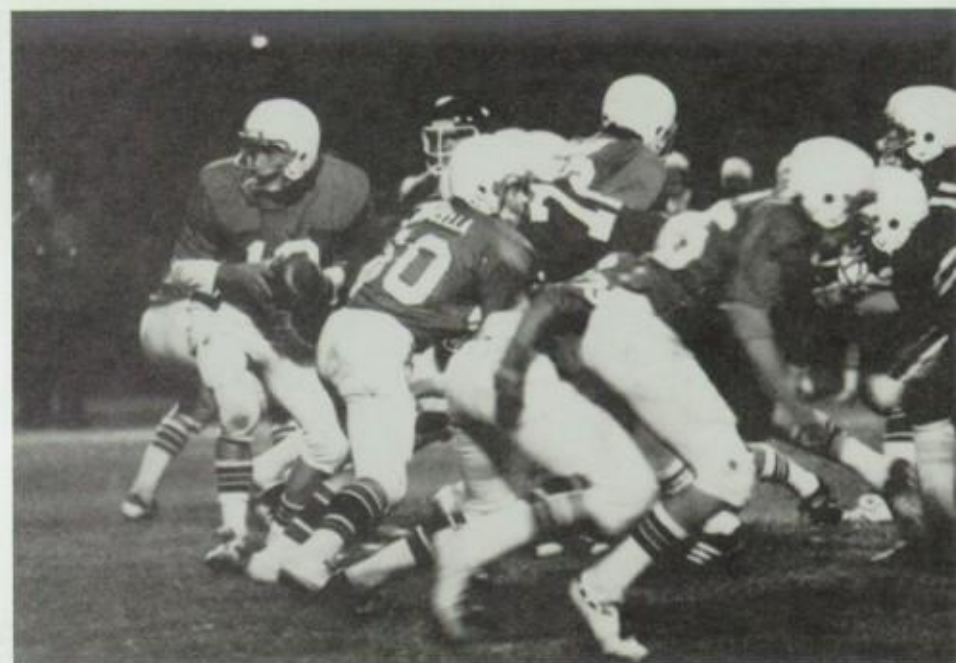


MHS	OPPONENT	
6	Downey	0
12	Merced	8
0	Turlock	0
0	Beyer	20
6	Atwater	6
0	Davis	19



above, Freshman Football Team, front row: Nathan Bomar, Dennis England, Paul Klink, Doug Venturine, Richard Jackson, Richard Kelley, Roy Bridges, Ron Henry, Don Porcella, David Wend, Scott Tomlin. **second row:** Mike Clark, David Nevitt, Francisco Chapa, Donald W. Clemons, Billy Brezeale, Greg Risdon, Jeff Ribeiro, Andy Medeiros, Frank Gunter, Jeff Cagle, Tony Franco, Harvey Pimental, Jeff Greff. **back row:** Coach Boer, Steve Hawkins, Paul Charron, Chuck Houser, Eddie Henriques, Danny Long, Mark Henson, Rick Saso, Eric Ziegler, Lance Sumpter, Danny Gentry, Albert Alcalá, Frank W. Kane, Ray Jimenez, Coach Cole.

right: Receiving the hike, Danny Long drops back behind linemen Don Porcella and Nathan Bomar.





Kittens show claws with fiery spirit

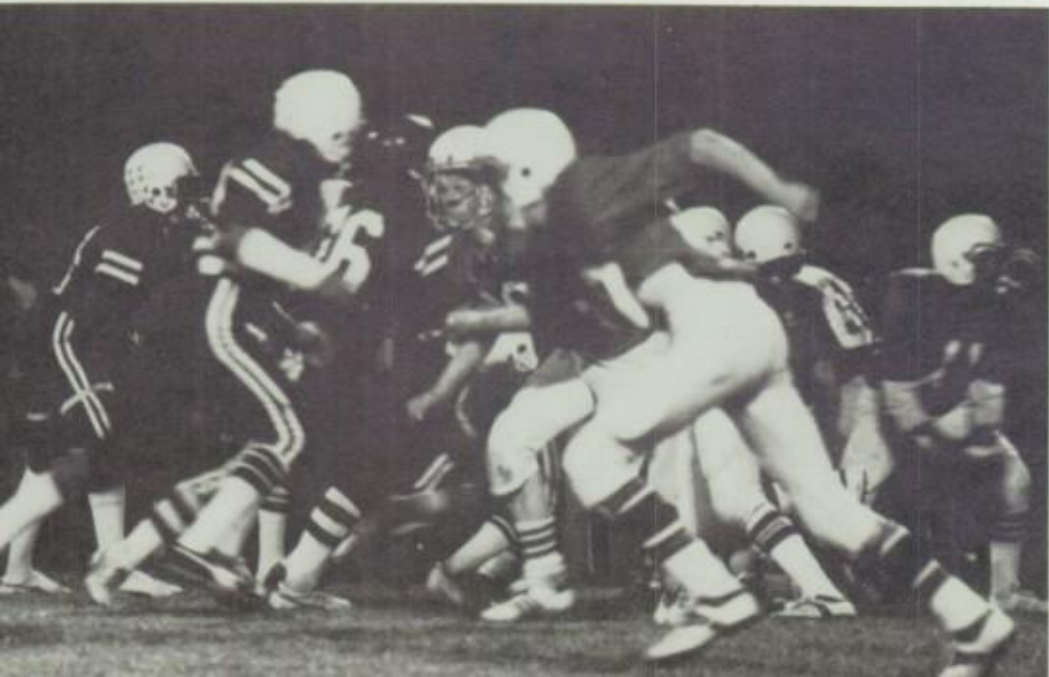
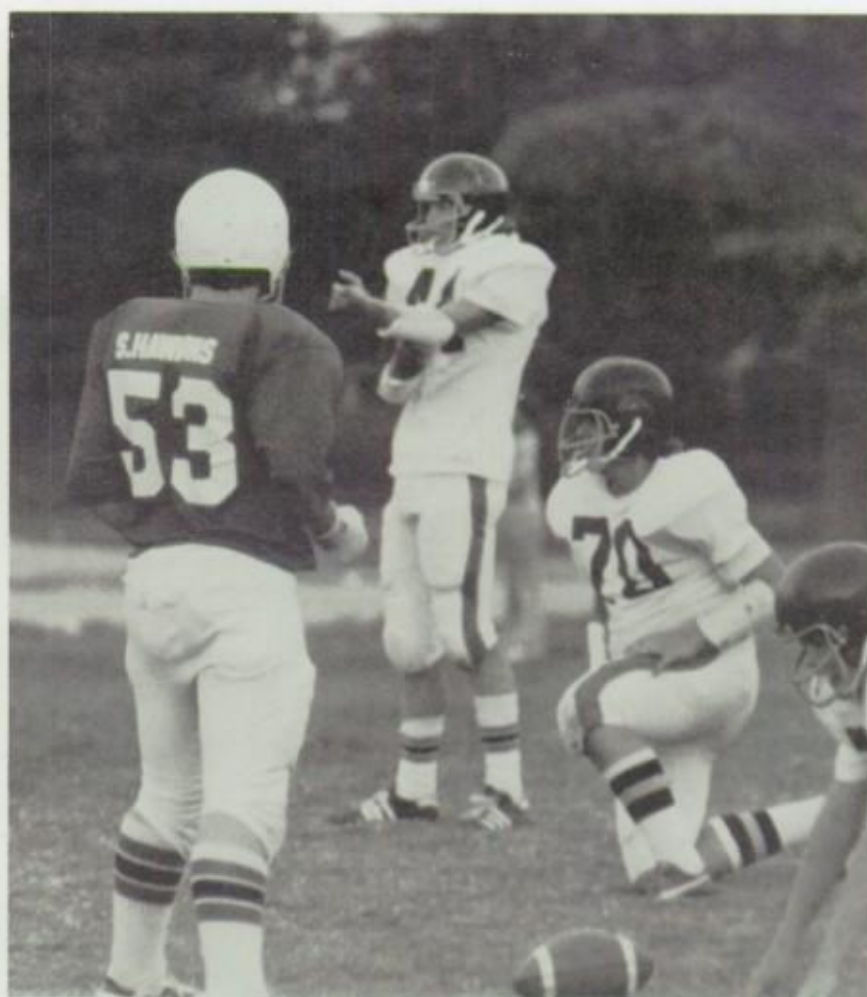
Composed of nearly forty members, the Freshman Football Team proved interested in learning the basics of the game by the members' willingness to listen, learn, and persevere countless hours of practice, the most outstanding attributes of the squad.

"A most interesting season," was the term used by head coach Martin Boer, who guided the team with assistant Bobby Cole. His statement describes the team's deprivation of the ordinary eight league games due to heavy budget cuts in the athletics program forced by Proposition 13. The team was permitted to participate in only six games, eliminat-

ing competition against Ceres and Oakdale.

Coupled with the team members' interest in learning basic skills was their unbridled enthusiasm, which led to a consistent 2-2-2 record. Stated Mr. Boer, "The team's general enthusiasm won games for us, while our over-enthusiasm resulted in thoughtless mistakes which lost games for us."

Dominating games, since they were both offensive and defensive starters, were co-captains Roy Bridges and Ed Henriques: Scott Tomlin, Chuck Houser, Greg Risdon, and Eric Ziegler were also outstanding.



upper left: Roy Bridges races around left end after receiving a handoff from Danny Long.

left: Collecting a Danny Long handoff, Scott Tomlin heads toward the line and a touchdown.

above: Scott Hawkins readies himself as Downey's defense approaches the line.

left: Don Porcella and Billy Breazeale smash forward to meet opposing linemen as Jeff Cagle and Richard Kelley proceed with the backfield play.

right: As if he were isolated, Rick Simental keeps up his pace, widening the gap even more.

below: Hugo Ortiz and Jose Ortega discuss their standing and the competition in the up-coming race.

lower center left: Sprinting to the end, Robbie Hilterbrand kicks up his pace, fighting to maintain his good position.

lower center right: Hearing the starting gun, Robert Gil, Elias Alberto, Hugo Ortiz, Juan Nevarez, and Jose Ortega lead off with a pace to keep throughout the race.



right: Coach Leonard Kaiser tensely waits for MHS runners to reach the finish line.

far right: Preparing for the race, Robert Gill and Robert Herrera wait while Juan Nevarez puts on his shirt.



Few varsity, frosh runners keep Cross Country hopes alive



Cross Country Team, front row: Robert Herrera, Juan Nevarez, Joel Tijata, Humberto Alberto, Elias Alberto, Robert Gil, Jose Ortega. second row: Rick Simental, Robbie Hilterbrand, Greg Flores, Martin Dieu, Hugo Ortiz, Poncie Madrigal, Teresa Chavez.

Dedication to the sport was the primary requisite for those who joined the little-recognized Cross Country Team. As with many other MHS teams, there simply weren't enough players to offer hope of a successful season. Instead, the team was forced to 'make do' with the few members it possessed, and the outcome of the season was not as disappointing as had been predicted.

Despite the low numbers, individuals displayed excellence, with such runners as Juan Palomar, Rick Simental, and Pete Alberto, who finished sixth at the sectional meet.

The freshman team was a refreshing contrast, placing third or better in every meet they entered, and thereby promising strength and ability for future varsity teams. Containing outstanding runners such as Elias Alberto who placed first in the CCC, Robert Herrera, and Jose Ortega, the frosh also boasted the single female member, Teresa Chavez, who finished fourth at the Central meet.



above: Rick Simental outpaces a Beyer runner as Pete Alberto follows close behind.

left: Waiting at the starting line, Robert Gil, Robbie Hilterbrand, Elias Alberto, Hugo Ortiz, Juan Nevarez and Jose Ortega anticipate the firing of the gun.

far left: Feeling the effects of a long race, Hugo Ortiz strains as he approaches the finish line.

Young team nets disappointment, volleys season for experience

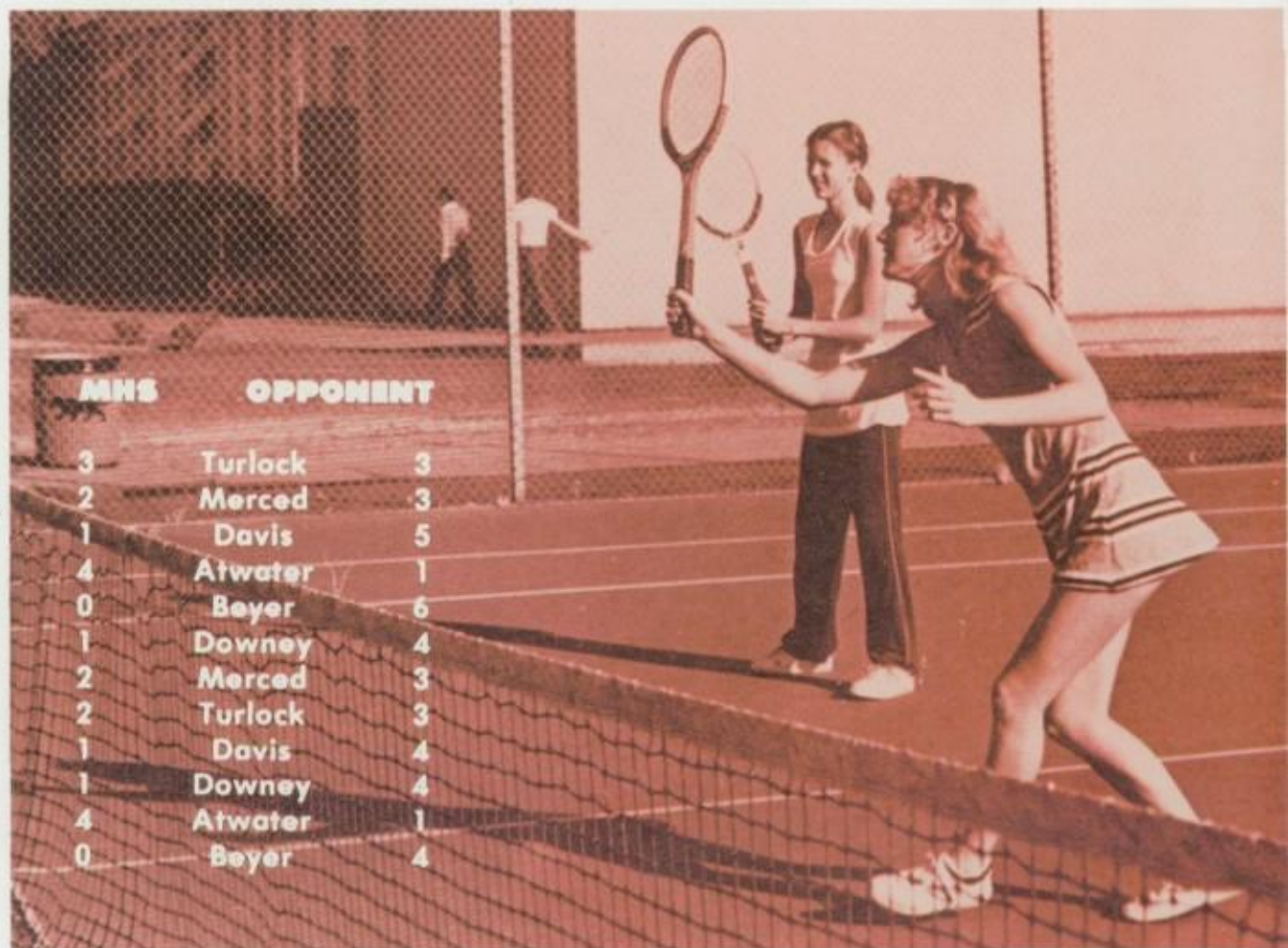
Enduring an unsuccessful year, Girls Tennis coach Dee Killam pointed out that this was a year of building, with many fine performances among the losing matches.

Top seeded Sharon Lubeck lost only two games, capturing the CCC title and advancing to the sectional. Number two player Gretchen Peek faced rough competition but also played well, and both girls will be returning next year.

Other promising players were Sandy Lubeck and Bunny McHale, who, as a freshman and sophomore, should be of even more benefit to future teams.

"I am very pleased with Marianne Van der Burgh, our Foreign Exchange student, who did a wonderful job for us. She played with great determination and confidence," stated Coach Killam.

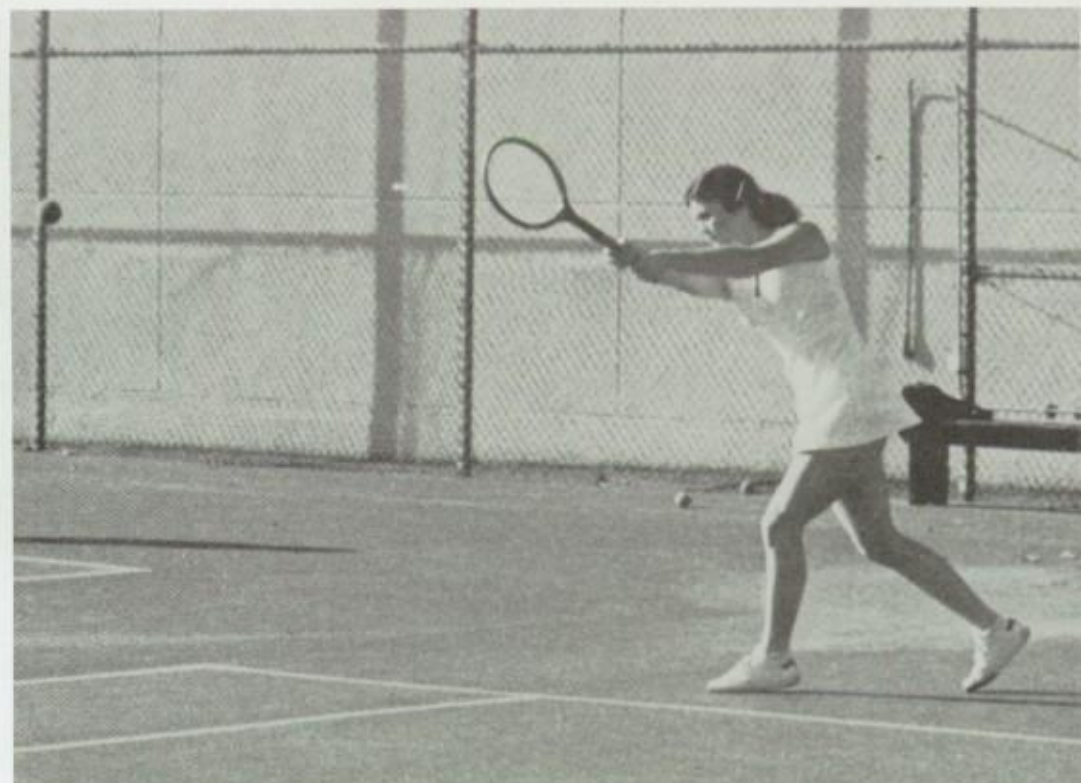
Eager to coach next year's team, Miss Killam is confident this year's experience will give them the maturity and strength to win.

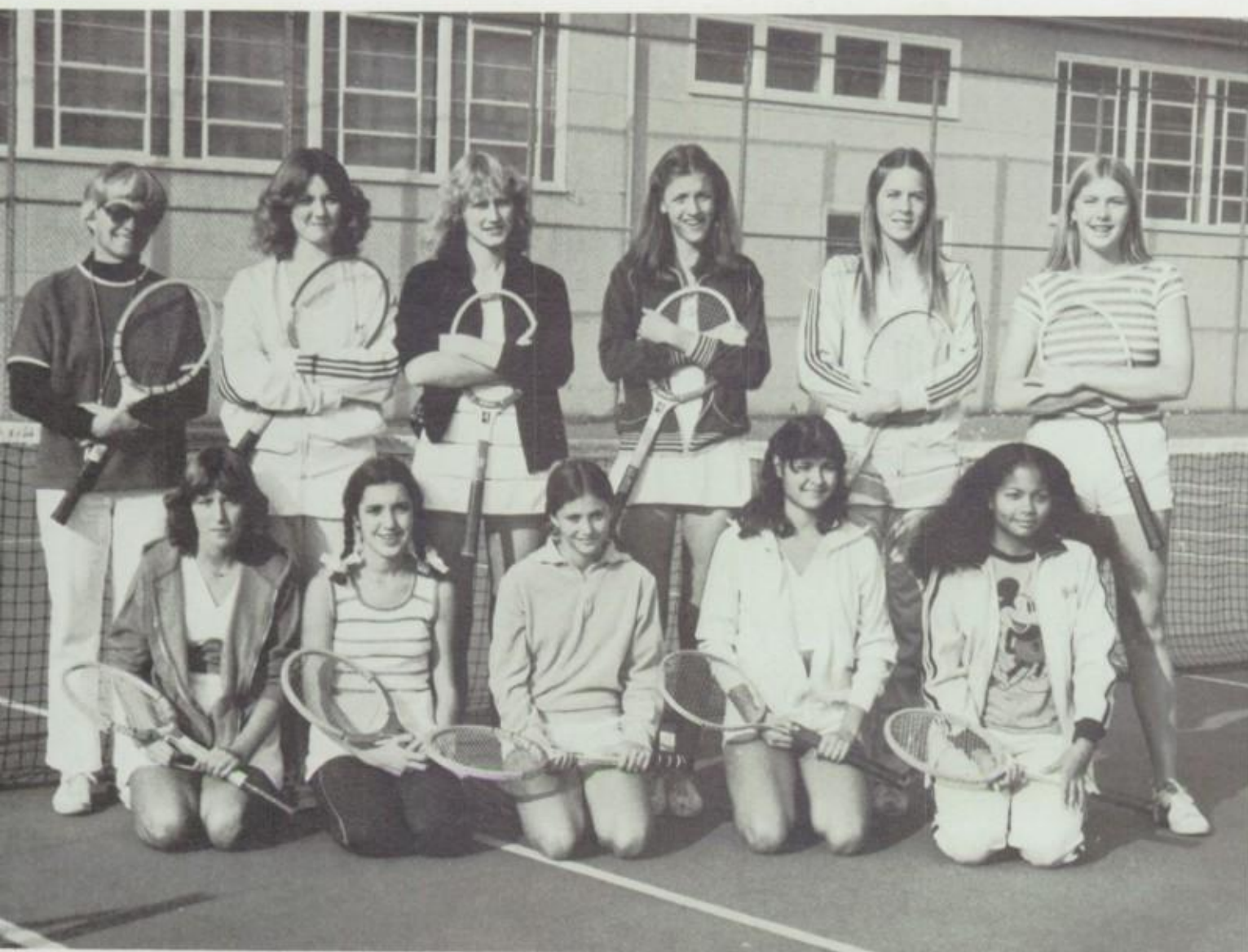


MHS	OPPONENT	
3	Turlock	3
2	Merced	3
1	Davis	5
4	Atwater	1
0	Beyer	6
1	Downey	4
2	Merced	3
2	Turlock	3
1	Davis	4
1	Downey	4
4	Atwater	1
0	Beyer	4

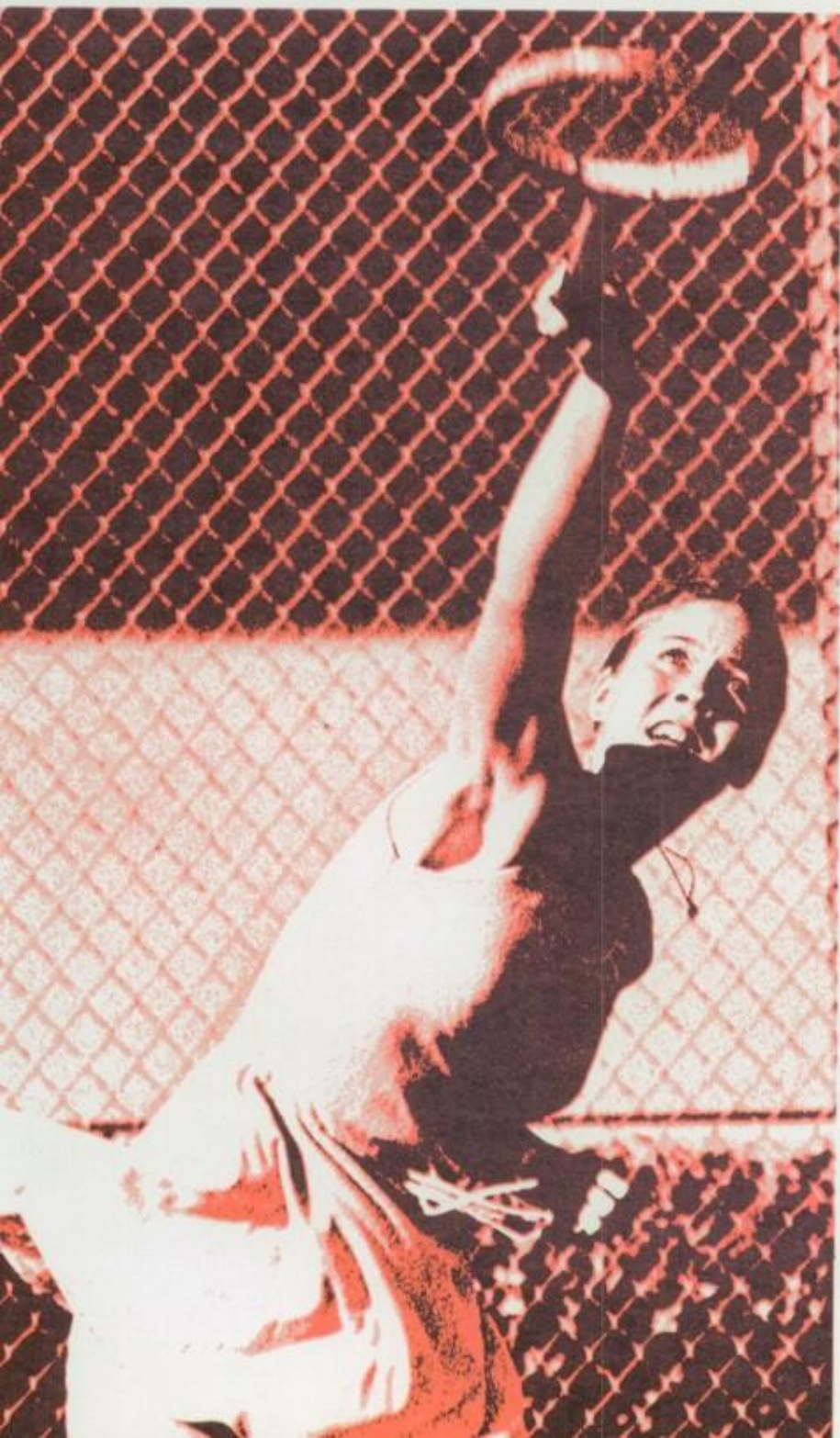


top: Sue Van Duyn delivers a forceful backhand smash.
middle: Marianne Van der Burgh, the Foreign Exchange student, enjoys competitive tennis with her doubles partner Sandy Lubeck.
above: Genise Van Duyn gets a lesson in the proper way to angle her racket from Coach Killam.
right: Gretchen Peek volleys for another score.





left, Girls Tennis Team, front row: Terri Carlton, Ellen McHale, Gina Furtado, Carol Sanchez, Maisie Bell. **second row:** Coach Dee Killam, Gretchen Peek, Marianne Van der Burgh, Sandy Lubeck, Sharon Lubeck, Sue Van Duyn.



upper right: Ellen McHale displays skill while returning the volley.
above: Striving for a score, Terri Carlton stretches to return a serve during practice.
left: All-CCC champ Sharon Lubeck shows deep concentration in delivering a game-winning serve.

JV RECORD: 1-11

below: Geraldine Nunes holds her position as Sharon Bertozzi concentrates on scoring with a perfect set-up.
lower right: Nolanda Alexander leaps high for the ball and delivers a forceful spike to overtake Merced.

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL		10	15
MODESTO	OPPONENT	11	15
14	Turlock	15	1
15	Davis	10	6
15		9	15
6	Atwater	15	8
14		16	13
4	Downey	15	14
9		15	6
15	Beyer	8	15
16		14	15
15	Merced	7	15
1		15	7
8		15	14

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above, JV Volleyball Team, front row: Nolanda Alexander, Sharon Bertozzi, Geraldine Nunes, Roxanne Jimenez, Anna Sierra. **second row:** Karen Steen, Diane Martin, Suzanne Crum, Cindy Boday.
right: Lori Conrad and Debbie Lyles concentrate on the ball while Ruth Richards displays skill in an excellent return against Beyer.



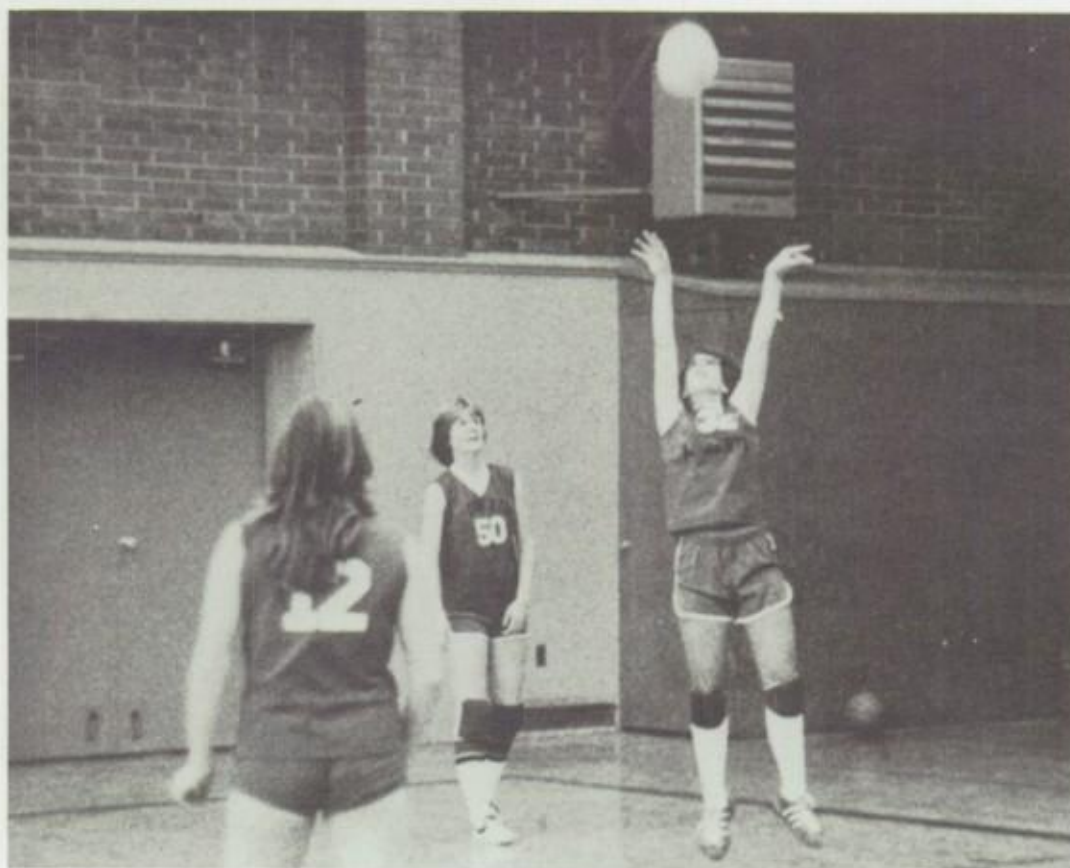
below, Varsity Volleyball Team, front row: Lori Conrad, Debbie Lyles, Kathy (Rat) Fernandes, second row: Lorraine Rosa, Laura Alexander, Betty Martinez, third row: Janie Zumbach, Julie Henriques, Sandra Cardoza, Ruth Richards, Coach Pete Stavrianoudakis, Coach Bill Arnapole.

Netters' rebuilding efforts spiked

Striving for a winning season, many close games were lost by the Varsity Volleyball Team despite serious

rebuilding efforts. With spirits high, while playing a considerably improved style of volleyball, team captain Kathy Fernandes, with aid from Julie Henriques, Sandra Cardoza, and Betty Martinez, produced many well-played games worthy of victory, though they often ended in defeat.

Knocking Downey, the cross-town rival, out of second place late in the season was the victorious result of skill and teamwork, the type of success seen far too seldom during the disappointing season. With nearly half the varsity team composed of seniors, there was little hope of retaining experienced starting players next year, yet JV players increased their knowledge of the game and improvement needed for advancing to next year's varsity. By defeating Davis once in the first half of the season, and both times during the second half, JV's were tough competitors despite a discouraging record. Combining the efforts of Geraldine Nunes, Sharon Bertozzi, Roxanne Jimenez, and Nolando Alexander, the JV players forced opposing teams to struggle for every point, despite a mere three wins for the season.



above: Lori Conrad sets the ball to Gail Davis and Debbie Lyles to begin warm-up exercises before a home game.

left: Kathy Fernandes sets up the ball to Debbie Lyles for a score-awarding spike against Davis.

Bad luck bounced back

Losses repeat past season; small team doomed early

Opening the Varsity Basketball season with a spirit-raising victory over Downey brought the hope of a successful season, even though the game was non-league. Yet hope resembled last years': shattered early as the team struggled in desperation for every point possible. The Downey victory secured a consolation award for the Panthers at the Modesto City Tournament, with each player receiving a medal for the win.

A willing-and-able defense forcefully held opponents' advances, yet the job never seemed to lighten up for the Panthers, whose efforts were more often futile than not. Opponents averaged 58 points per game while MHS offense could only manage to average 49.

Dribbling out of 26 games daunted the spirit of the team as **Bee** coverage dwindled from minimal in early season games to a brief mention as the defeats mounted. Also noticed by players and coaches was the lack of support from the student body in the form of game attendance, so necessary for a positive team attitude. Yet these disappointments were placed behind the squad as they dedicated numerous hours to after-school practice in preparation for the bi-weekly games.

The 'big game' of the season, which pulled fans of both teams to the edges of their seats, was the first CCC competition against Beyer. When the 79-point MHS victory marked the highest-scoring win for Modesto in over two years. ↪



above: Going in for a layup, Mark Ferguson draws a foul.

center right: Alert for a possible advantage in position, Wayne Smith passes off the ball to get the offensive.

right: Dan May shows good defense by shutting off the basic line through his quick footwork and carefully controlled dribbling.



left: Rocky Vinnedge takes an outlet pass from Wayne Smith for a layup.
below, Varsity Basketball Team, front row: Guillermo

Lopez, Eddie Buantello, Dan May, Darrell Boyles. **second row:** Alan Armstrong, Wayne Smith, Mark Ferguson. **third row:** Rocky Vinnedge, Kevin Grimes.



MODESTO OPPONENT

39	Ceres	47
45	Central	26
34	Oakdale	44
50	Sonora	57
56	Hughson	42
42	Downey	40
37	Ceres	49
40	Davis	69
44	Oakdale	51
47	Escalon	31
50	Central	40
44	Denair	63
60	Central	58
37	Davis	46
48	Downey	64
49	Turlock	52
45	Atwater	84
79	Beyer	70
46	Merced	57
52	Davis	61
49	Downey	58
53	Turlock	69
39	Atwater	64
53	Beyer	55
48	Merced	70



above: Dan May puts in two as Darrell Boyles and Stacy Burkes follow for a possible rebound.
center left: With fierce concentration, Darrell Boyles shows his intensity as he tries to outjump his opponent.
left: Searching for a possible opening, Mark Ferguson brings the ball up-court as he looks over the defense.

right: Wayne Smith successfully shoots for two points during the game against Merced.

below: Fighting desperately for a basket, Dan May tips a rebound as Rocky Vinnedge watches for a chance to jump into the action.



above: Dan May jumps for the ball while Eddie Buantello, Wayne Smith, Mark Ferguson, and Rocky Vinnedge alertly wait in position.

right: Alan Armstrong brings the ball downcourt as Stacy Burkes and Kevin Grimes anticipate the start of a good play.

center right: Watching for a possible steal play, Dan May and Stacy Burkes stand ready to assist as Darrell Boyles and Wayne Smith check an attempted shot from a Davis player.





center left: Mark Ferguson jumps and shoots for two points against the Atwater Falcons early in the third quarter.

left: Fighting to elude a Central Catholic Raider, Eddie Buantello rushes downcourt with the ball.

below: Rocky Vinnedge jumps to block a pass as Eddie Buantello and Darrell Boyles get to their positions.

lower left: During the second half of the game against Atwater, 'hot' Dan May jumps and shoots for another two points.



Beyer defeat lifts spirits; May MVP as season closes

Heading into the game with an 0-4 record distinguished the teams as equal in ability and would mark a first CCC victory for the winner. At half-time, Beyer led the close battle with 34 points to MHS's 28. The teams had been closely matched throughout the first half, yet late in the third quarter, incorporating teamwork and unceasing concentration, the Panthers forcefully pulled ahead in the fast-moving, 'give-and-take' game. The 79-70 score marked the only CCC win for MHS all season, leaving the record at 1-11.

Dan May was chosen as most valuable player in return for his encouraging dedication during each game. Dan was simultaneously chosen a member of the All-City team.

Head Varsity Coach Bob Cole chose

Kevin Grimes to receive the valued Boer Award, with Eddie Buantello and Wayne Smith chosen as the two most improved players.

By far the most memorable game occurred against Beyer in the latter part of the season. Unfortunately, the skillful playing and successful team work, present in the first Beyer game, was short-lived, as a long losing streak prevailed to the end of the season. Coach Cole, at the Winter Sports Banquet, stated "I feel that the team should have, and definitely could have won more games. We had ample playing ability and dedicated team members. Unfortunately, we were out-scored and out-played."

right: Stephen Jones outjumps his Downey opponent as Carlos Heredia confidently awaits the outcome.

below: As Akira Bell slows down an opponent, Frank Gonzales rushes to catch a pass.



above: Trying to shake an Atwater Falcon, Akira Bell drives downcourt, setting up a play for the Panthers.



above, Sophomore Basketball Team, front row: Moises Martinez, Gentry Quinn, Robert Aguirre, Carlos Heredia, coach Paul Abby. second row: Greg Porcella,

Kenneth Scott, Frank Gonzales, Eddie Faria, Steven Jones, Charles Tademy, Akira Bell, Tony Rocha, Peter Sandoval, Gary Powell, Pancho Alvarado.

Soph cagers set style with strong showing by Quinn, Gonzales

With a strong incentive to improve last year's fourth-place record, the Sophomore Basketball Team, led by Coach Paul Abby, finished a strong second in CCC competition, accumulating 15 victories out of 22 games during the season.

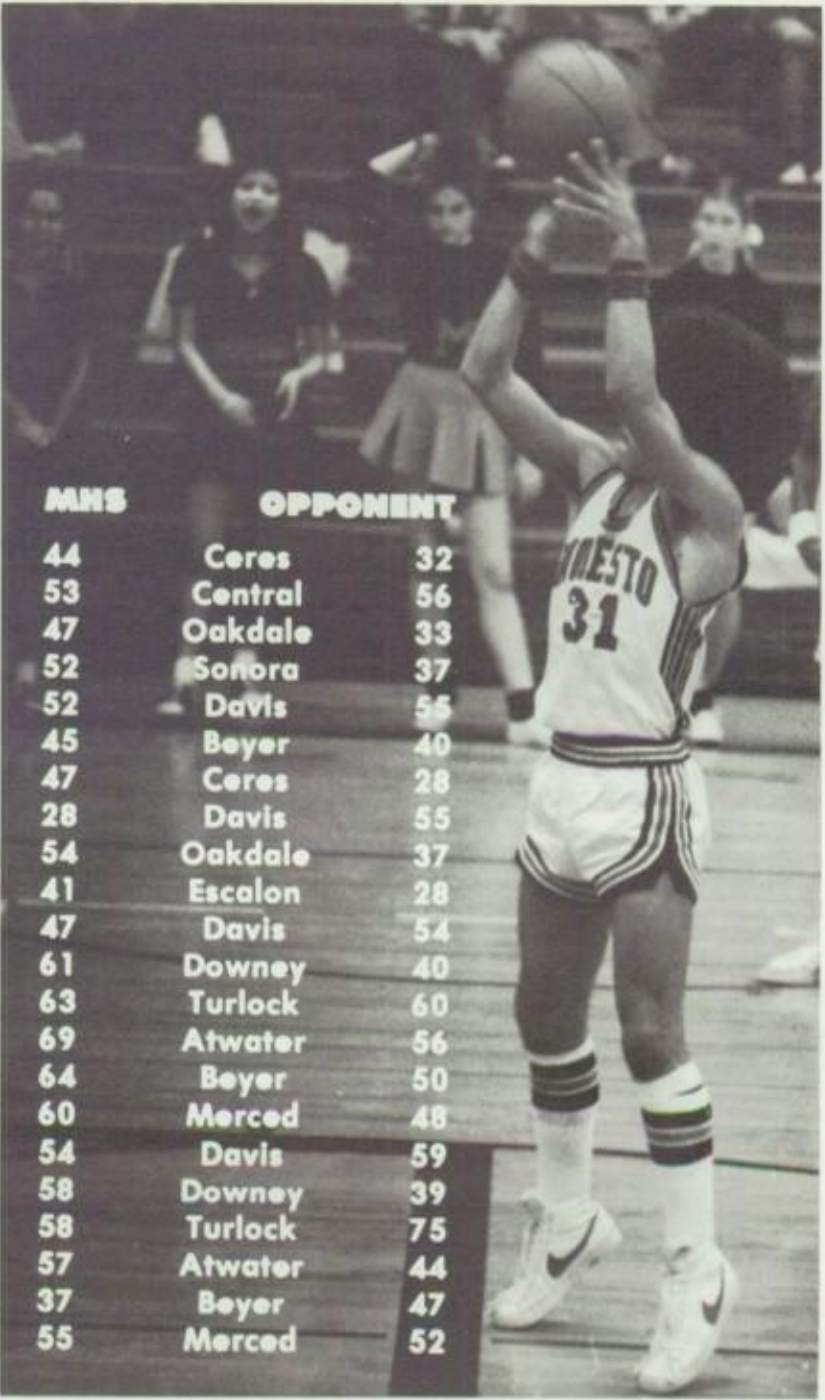
Entering only the City Tournament this year, the young Panthers easily made the finals, but were unfortunately defeated in overtime by Davis, the team which went on to take first place in the CCC. The loss nonetheless secured for the Panthers third place in the tourney.

Modesto's strong-willed offense was led by Gentry Quinn, who as a freshman had played for last year's sophomore team. Scoring an average of nearly fourteen points per game, Quinn was ably assisted by Frank Gonzales, another

second-year veteran. Together, their impressive scoring record led the Panthers to their victorious season. Led by Gonzales, the defense's heavy guarding of its opponents ensured a minimum of points scored against the team. Adding to their accomplishments were double victories over Downey, Atwater, and Merced.

Consisting of eighteen players, all of whom aspire to the varsity team next year, the sophomores were a pleasure to coach for Paul Abby.

"This was one of the best Sophomore Teams that MHS has seen in over seven years," he remarked. "The men all worked hard and did a great job, and no doubt they will be a tremendous asset to next year's varsity program."



MHS	OPPONENT	
44	Ceres	32
53	Central	56
47	Oakdale	33
52	Sonora	37
52	Davis	55
45	Beyer	40
47	Ceres	28
28	Davis	55
54	Oakdale	37
41	Escalon	28
47	Davis	54
61	Downey	40
63	Turlock	60
69	Atwater	56
64	Beyer	50
60	Merced	48
54	Davis	59
58	Downey	39
58	Turlock	75
57	Atwater	44
37	Beyer	47
55	Merced	52



upper right: Akira Bell shoots for an extra point, realizing that it could mean win or lose.
above: Kenneth Scott skillfully dribbles and attempts to out-manuever an opponent from Merced.
left: Moises Martinez shoots as Charles Tademy, Gary Powell and Pete Sandoval wait for a possible rebound.

right, Freshman Basketball Team, front row: Scott Tomlin, Randy Ragar, Richard Kelley, Doug Balmain, Coaches Vernon Bradford, Jim Thrasher. second row: Mike McGrath, Robert Cheatom, Rick Nelson, Don Porcella, Pedro Escamilla. third row: Keith Marks, Greg Risdon, Albert Alcalá, Jeff Cagle, Eddie Henriques. top row: David Wend, Martin Dieu.



above: Keith Marks dribbles the ball down court to start off a good offensive play.

right: As Richard Kelley drives past his opponent, Martin Dieu watches alertly for a pass.



Frosh fumble for few victories; new coaches pleased with beginning

Fighting inexperience along with apprehension, the ambitious Freshman Basketball Team struggled through every game, winning on the rare occasions when the team's 'chemistry' permitted victories.

With an overall record of only 3-11, the sixteen Panther Kittens faced a disappointing season which never seemed to get off the ground. Held together by a few outstanding players and coaches Jim Thrasher and Vernon Bradford, crowd support dwindled to a handful of encouraging parents and dedicated students, along with the Freshman Spirit Leaders.

The small team's problems began early as individual players left the team during games, causing a disunified, chaotic atmosphere that rarely led to victory.

The two CCC victories, one against

Turlock and the second against Downey in the tenth game, marked the only wins for the frosh team, matching last year's frustrating record.

The two coaches, new to MHS, were nonetheless cheerful about the team's performance and attitude. Head coach Jim Thrasher stated, "We made a few mistakes during the season, but that's not uncommon for a new team headed by two new coaches. Both Vernon and I hope to return next year, and hopefully have it together enough to chalk up some wins."

A few members excelled, involuntarily guiding the team during every game. Led by Richard Kelly, Ed Henriques, and Ricky Nelson, several other players also showed promise for next year, convinced that success awaits them in the future.

MHS	OPPONENT	
51	Davis	43
52	Downey	62
39	Merced	55
24	Davis	41
31	Downey	34
43	Beyer	46
47	Turlock	38
40	Atwater	49
48	Beyer	58
29	Merced	61
35	Davis	62
40	Downey	37
28	Turlock	40
39	Atwater	53



upper left: Scott Tomlin and Rick Nelson fight for the rebound as Robert Cheatom, Mike McGrath and Greg Risdon rush in to help.
above: As they start the game against Beyer, Martin Dieu jumps for the ball as Eddie Wend awaits the outcome.
left: Jeff Cagle controls the ball as he waits for David Wend to break for a pass.

right, Girls Varsity Basketball Team, front row: Coach Jim Autry, Kathy Fernandez, Kathy Fultz, Lisa Garret, Joyce Borba, Marlene Avila. back row: Gayle Davis, Shannon Watson, Julie Henriques, Laura Alexander.

Frustrating season with no victories; Fernandes MVP

Despite the fact that twice the number of girls participated in this year's program, the Girls Varsity Basketball Team suffered through a winless season, finishing last in the CCC. The JV Team experienced victory only once on their way to a 1-11 season record. Although coming close on several occasions, the girls could never quite pull off a victory. Throughout the winless season, however, the young team was respected by opponents as potential victors rather than victims.

With the frustrating season in the past, a successful team next year is anticipated by coach Jim Autry and the eight returning varsity players. As many of the junior varsity will return to the courts again, an improvement over last year's single-victory season seems likely.

During the Winter Sports Banquet, three outstanding varsity players were honored for their unceasing spirit and determination. Senior Kathy Fernandes was chosen Most Valuable Player, and was also selected to play for the second All-CCC team. Julie Henriques and Lora Alexander, forerunners for next year's team, were given honorable mentions.



above: Julie Henriques shoots for an extra point while Shannon Watson and Barbette Tadey wait for the game to start going again.

upper left: Gina Furtado and Janie Zumbach get into position as an offensive play starts.

upper right: Kathy (Rat) Fernandes skillfully shoots for a basket while Shannon Watson watches with amazement.

right: Gayle Davis executes years of offensive skill as she maneuvers the ball past a Beyer opponent.





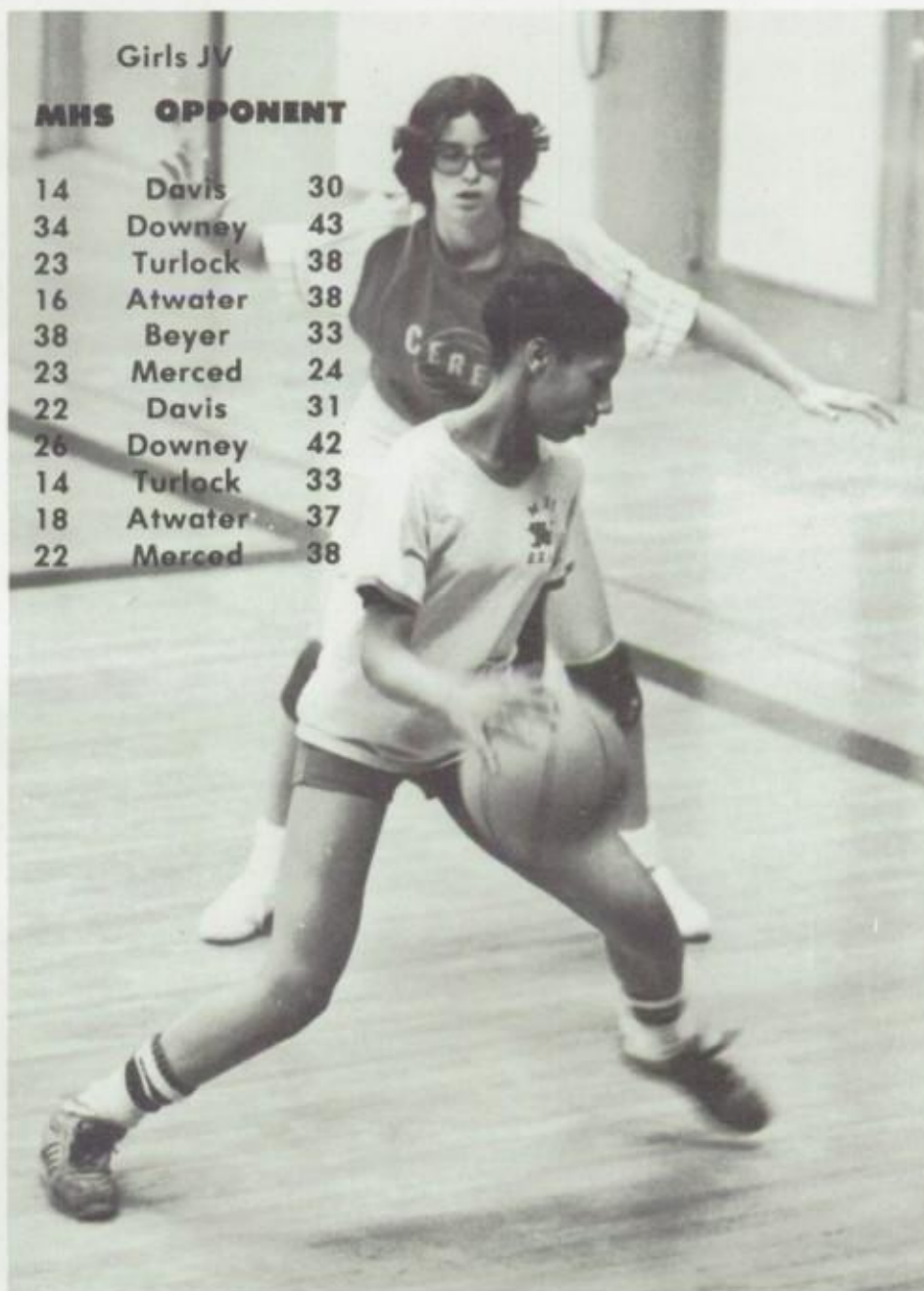
Girls Varsity

MHS	OPPONENT	
2	Davis	54
9	Downey	39
2	Turlock	51
3	Atwater	34
4	Beyer	47
0	Merced	55
3	Davis	46
1	Downey	54
5	Turlock	60
9	Atwater	60
2	Beyer	31
	Merced	52



center left: Laura Alexander jumps and shoots as Julie Henriques backs up to stay in range for another play.

left: Nolanda Alexander skillfully moves the ball toward the basket as Gina Furtado holds her position.



Girls JV

MHS	OPPONENT	
14	Davis	30
34	Downey	43
23	Turlock	38
16	Atwater	38
38	Beyer	33
23	Merced	24
22	Davis	31
26	Downey	42
14	Turlock	33
18	Atwater	37
22	Merced	38



above: Doing her best, Patricia Rosales waits for a chance to get the ball past her opponent and into a position to shoot.

left: Girls Junior Varsity Basketball Team, front: Theresa Chavez, second row: Gina Furtado, Janie Zumbach, Geraldine Nunes, back row: Lily Beard, Kathy Lee, Nolando Alexander.

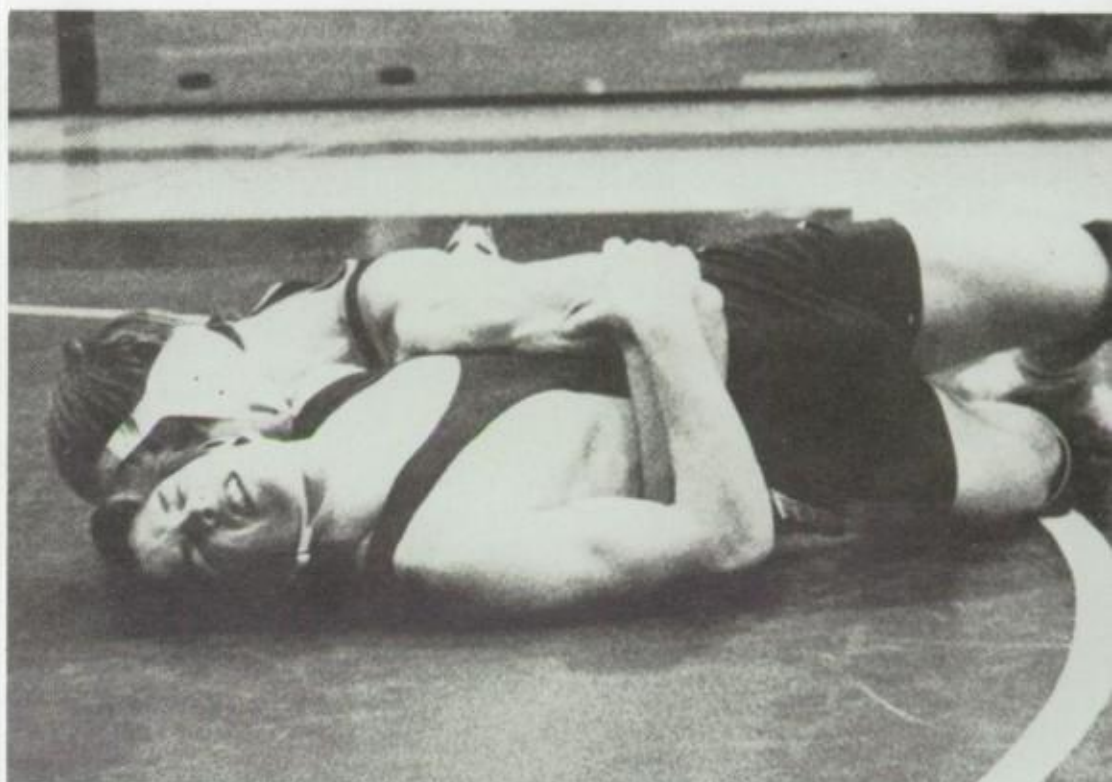
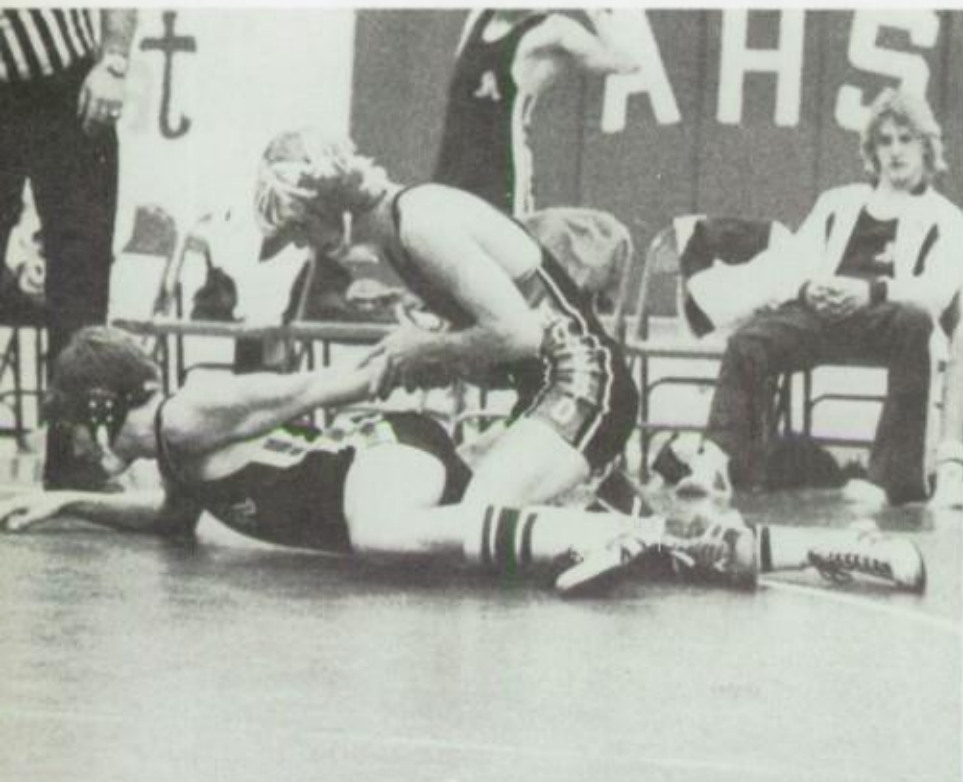
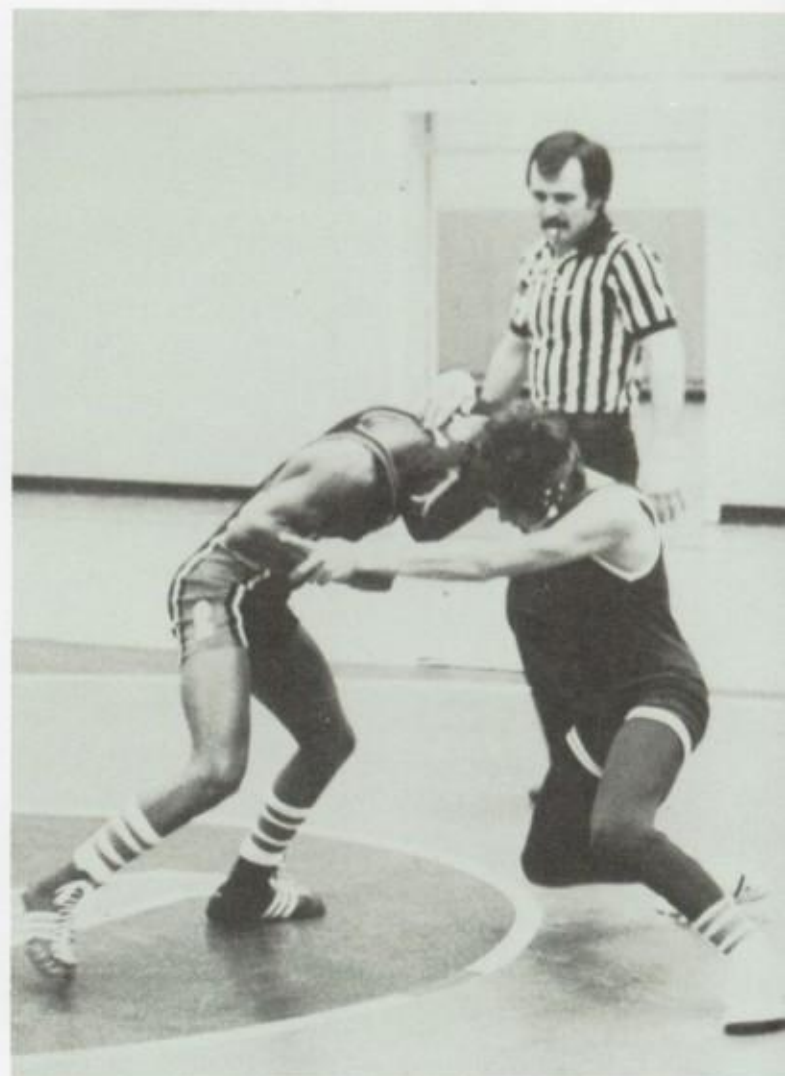
Wrestlers grapple for first in CCC as victories prevail throughout season

Wrestling Team coaches John Miller and Mike Kiyoi anticipated a highly successful season, since the strong-willed MHS squad was rated second in the sections. The year looked hopeful, and indeed it was.

Facing resistant competitors, rigid weight-cutting requirements, and arduous after-school practices proved unbearable for some team members, yet unlike other sports teams, their absence went almost unnoticed as morale and enthusiasm elevated. When the dual matches began, the wrestlers' fervor brought them many well-deserved victories, of which the greatest thrill was breaking Merced's four-year undefeated streak. With added courage the already-determined team stormed the Richmond Invitational, grabbing the team championship and taking first place CCC honors.

Although victories prevailed throughout the season, excitement wasn't replaced with monotony, since many dual meet wins were decided in the last match. Nine men headed to the sub-section competition, with five standouts advancing to the section meets. These five wins lifted the team into a remarkable second place in the sub-sections. Outstanding senior Rod Wright and skillful junior Brian Miller advanced to the state meet, where Miller received an honorable second place, suffering only two losses all year.

Senior standouts included Ty Angle, Joe and Victor Brasil, Chava Cardenas, Larry Mendonza, and Rod Wright. Their determination and stamina inspired underclassmen hopeful for a repeat performance next year.



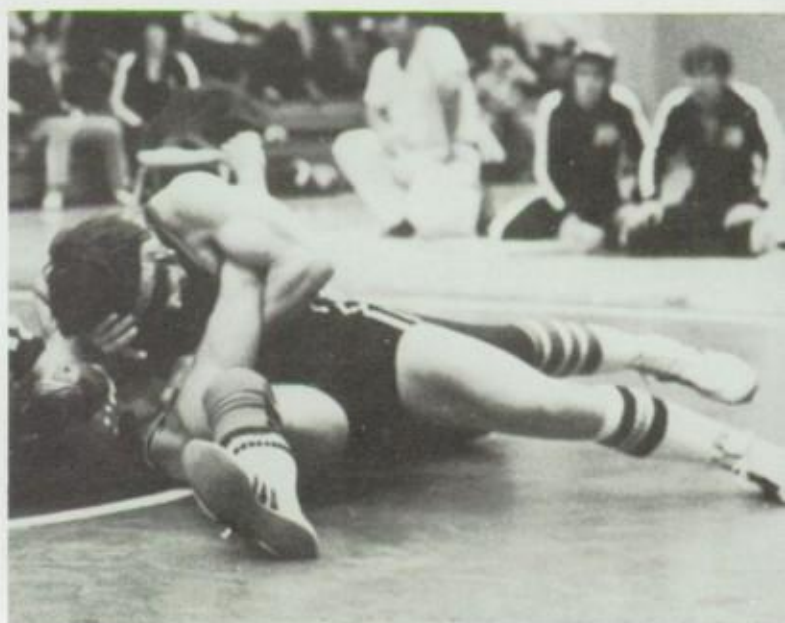
above: Putting 'the hurt' to his opponent, Rod Wright easily keeps control.

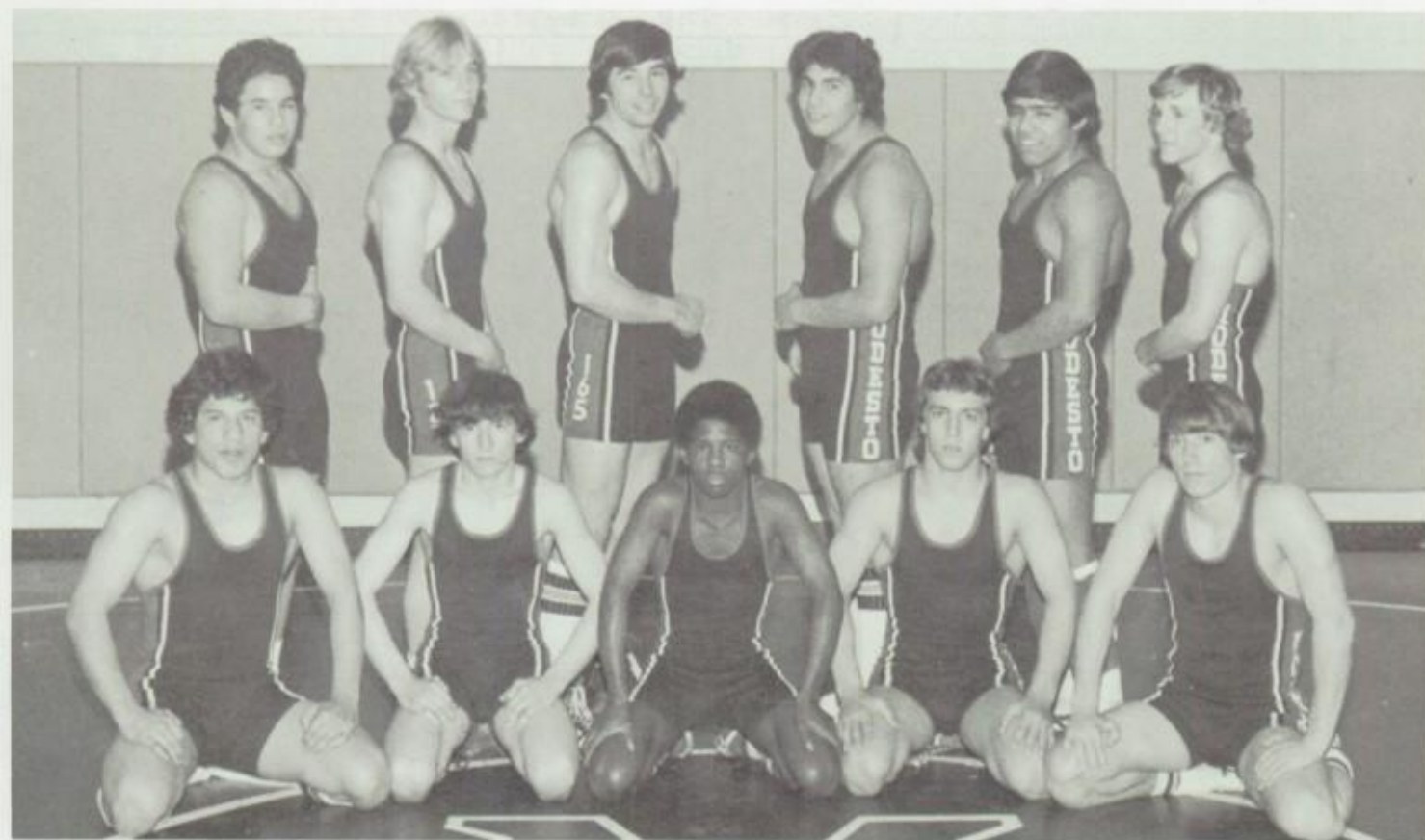
upper right: Showing balance and poise, Lee Grays sets up a takedown.

center: Brian Miller keeps up team morale with his winning style.

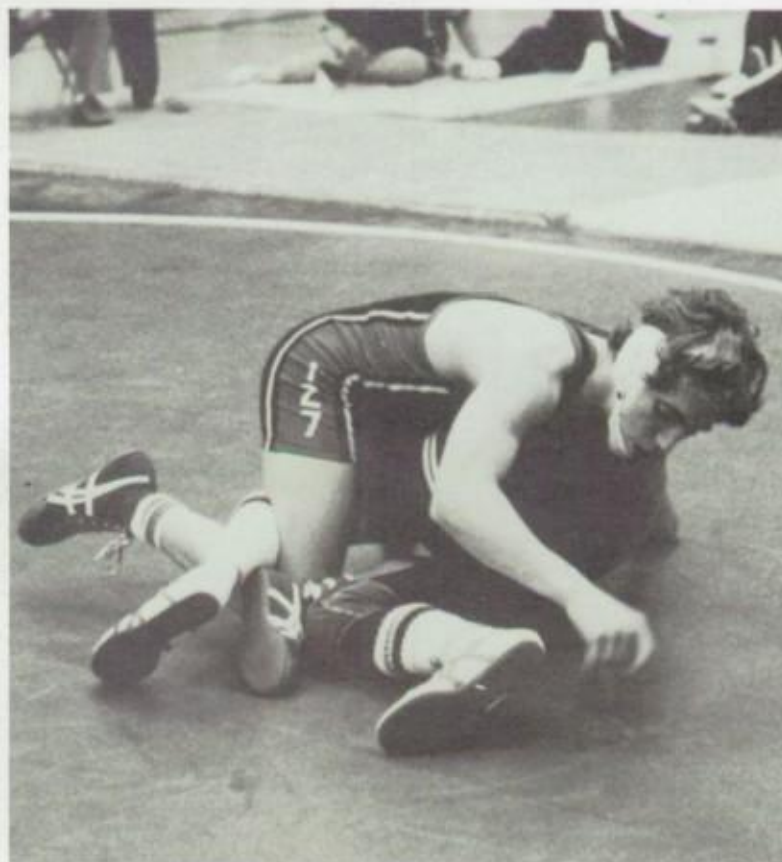
center right: Victor Brasil pins as the referee clarifies.

right: Ruben Martinez bulldogs his opponent with his strength and power.





left, Wrestling Team, front row: David Page, Doug Wheeler, Lee Grays, Mike Imelio, Brian Miller. **second row:** Adam Perez, Rod Wright, Larry Mendonza, Tony Rueda, Chava Cardenas, Ty Angle.



above left: Ty Angle shows strength and agility in his impressive pinning hold.
above right: Maneuvering to gain control over his opponent, Mike Imelio reaches for another hold.
left: Chava Cardenas attempts to turn his opponent onto his back for another pin.

right: Mike Ascencio maneuvers the ball around an opponent as he attempts to get into scoring position.

below: Always ready for a few extra minutes of workout, Jose Alberto and Robert Vera warm up by kicking the ball around the field before a game.



New soccer coach David inspires inexperienced team

With soccer becoming increasingly popular in the United States as its fast-paced action and the requirement of speed and skill appeal to sports-minded Americans, the '79 Soccer Team attracted many talented athletes who found it 'their' sport. Mainly of Mexican heritage, team members transferred soccer's popularity in much of Latin America to the MHS campus. The sport strikingly accented the athletic program while it provided a means of athletic participation for students who might not otherwise become involved. Celebrating the second year of CCC competition, the team matched forceful opponents with skill and determination, earning victories in the majority of their games. Completing the season with 8 wins, 5 losses, and 1 tie secured third place in the CCC.

Coached by Edison David, a new addition to the MHS staff, the team consisted of twenty players, of which only two were seniors. Coach David anticipates an extremely strong team next year as most of this year's players return with at least one season of experience behind them.

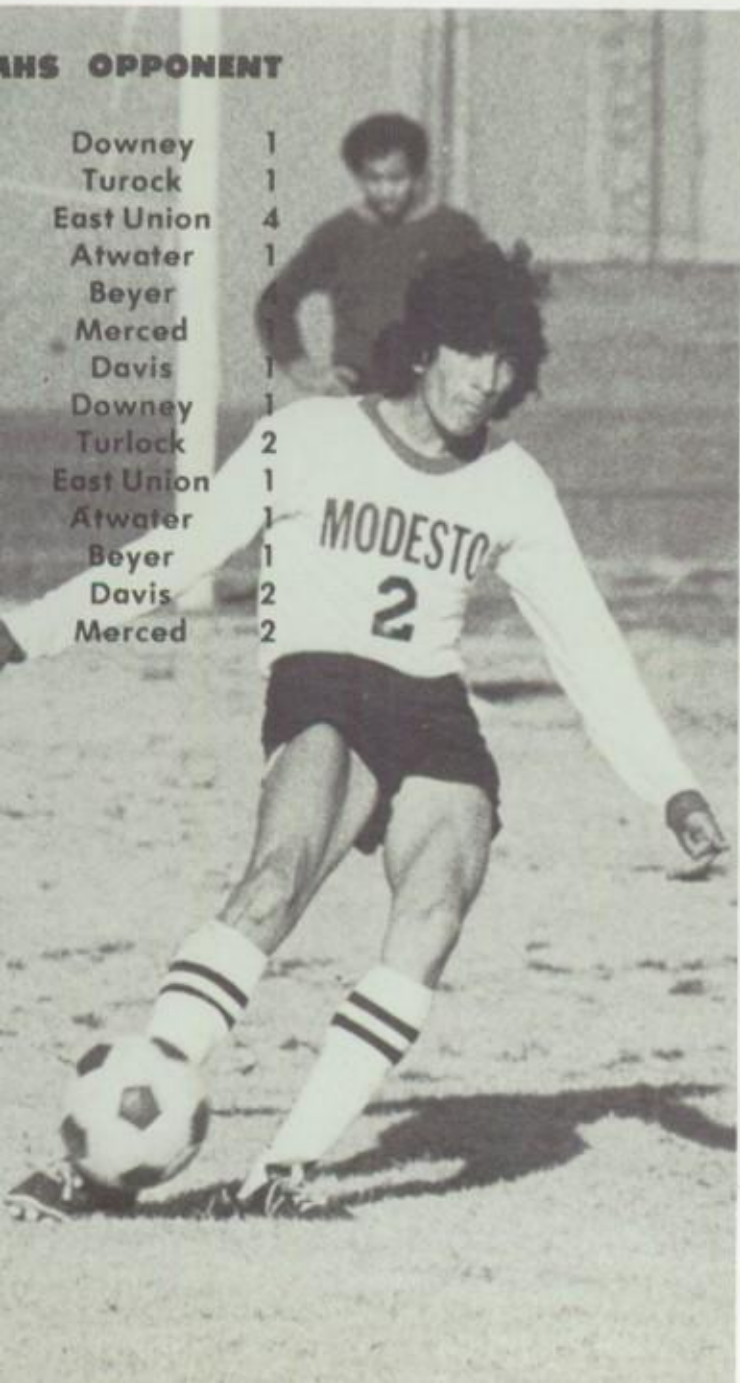


above, Soccer Team, front row: Humberto Alberto, Mike Ascencio, Desi Lopez, Eutiquio Brambilla, Isaac Angel, Benito Sandoval, Jesse Salas. second row: Jose

Alberto, Sixto Porras, Francisco Sandoval, Michael Sandoval, Jose Bautista, Paul Villasenor, Manuel Sandoval, Abel Espinoza, Coach Edison David.



left center: Taking control of the ball, Jose Torrez keeps it going down field.
left: Mike Ascencio effectively stands in the way of an opponent who is trying to get to the ball.
below: Jose Alberto jumps up to kick the ball and send it toward the opponents' goal box.



VS OPPONENT

Downey	1
Turock	1
East Union	4
Atwater	1
Beyer	1
Merced	1
Davis	1
Downey	1
Turlock	2
East Union	1
Atwater	1
Beyer	1
Davis	2
Merced	2



above: Attempting to pass to another player, Jose Torrez skillfully guides the ball around an opponent.
left: Francisco Sandoval tenses up his leg muscles as he kicks the ball fiercely, sending it past the opponents' goalie.

Gymnasts balance difficult season on way to unusual 3-way tie for first in CCC

The MHS Varsity Gymnastics Team performed its way to another exceptional year with an impressive 5-1 record. Despite losing to Merced, Modesto defeated Davis, resulting in a three-way tie for first in the CCC, and giving the Panthers at least a piece of the championship for the third year in a row.

Varsity standouts Trina Russell and Anita Menghetti consistently placed in the top seven in almost every meet. With two practices daily, the team spent many hours developing routines and attaining top form. Unfortunately, the epidemic of Russian Flu in December struck many of the gymnasts, putting them out of competition during the final weeks of the season.

The Junior Varsity fared about as expected. Although they were still learning the basic techniques of gymnastics, standouts Becky Schubert and Kathy Satterwhite started the team on the way to victory. A new padded beam added to the gymnastics equipment gave the team the extra confidence they needed for practice and competition, thus gaining valuable experience for next year's varsity squad.



upper left: Varsity gymnast Trina Russell salutes the judge to conclude her performance on the balance beam.

upper right: Extending her arms with poise, Junior Varsity member Kelly Brown performs her floor exercise routine.

upper center: Varsity gymnast Christy Martinez gracefully rises from her split while performing in the floor exercise.

right, Junior Varsity Gymnastics Team, front row: Becky Schubert, Lori Walker. **second row:** Dede Marks, Lisa White, Lolly Tuggle, Kelly Brown, Maurine Simpson, Susan Haggard, Kathy Satterwhite. **back row:** Vicki Burkes, Angie Young, Tami Walker, Sandy Lubeck, Karen Fernandez, Laure Bradford, Michelle Wright.

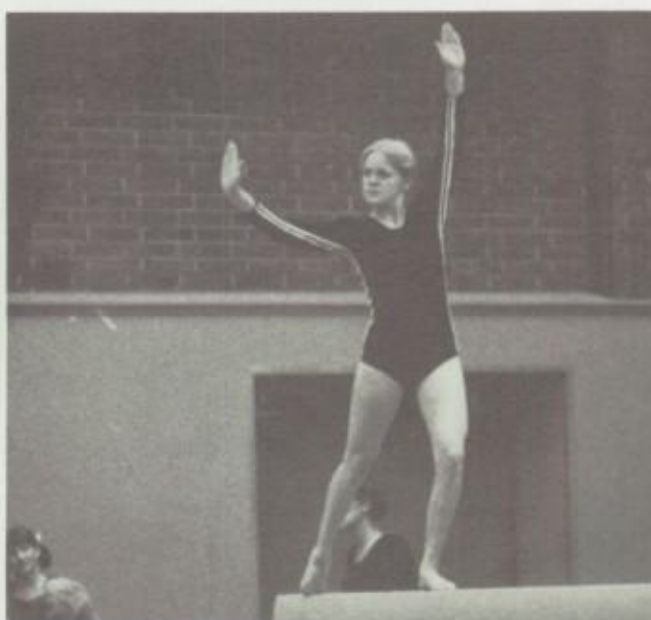
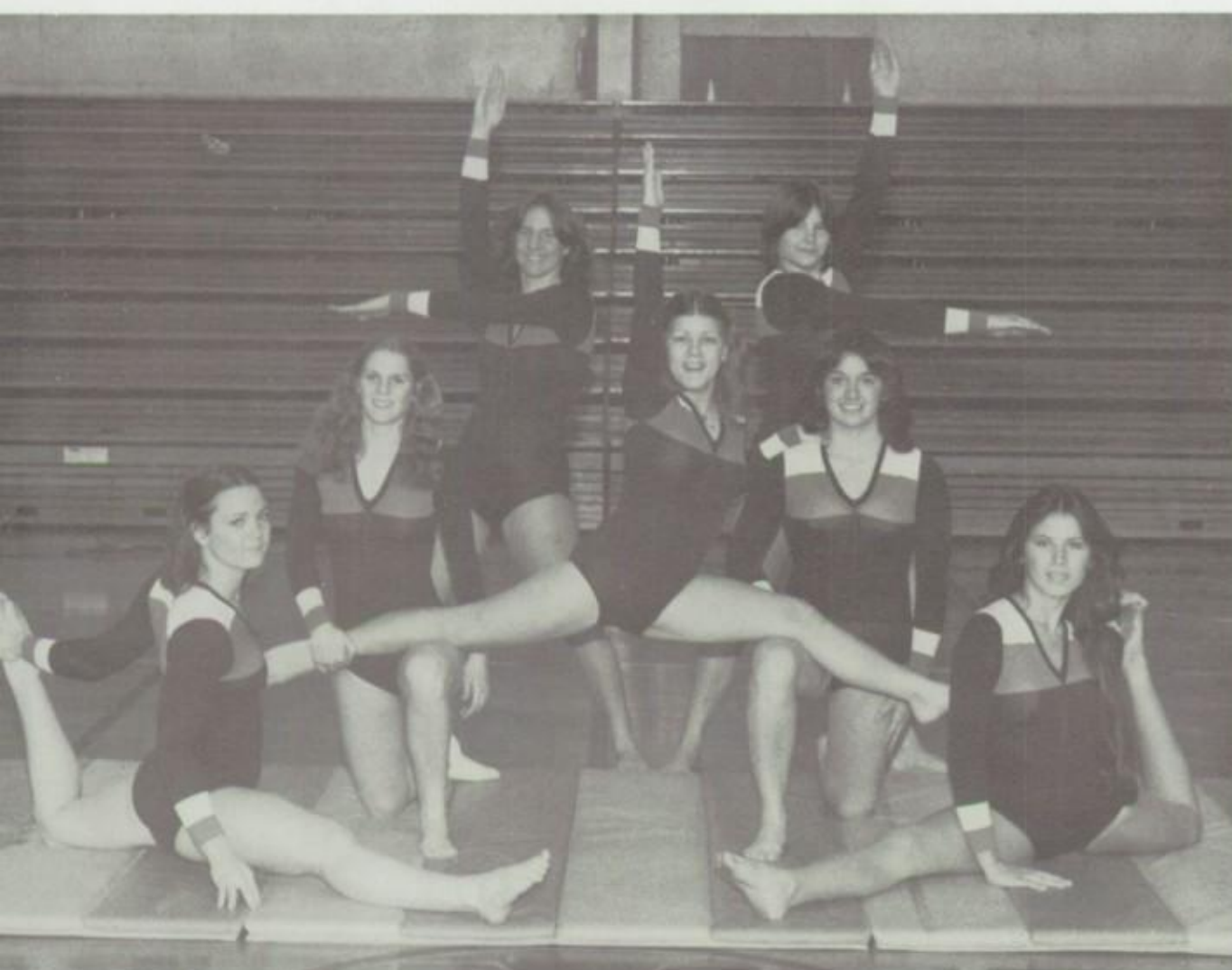




left: Varsity gymnast Trina Russell performs a move with ease while in floor exercise competition.

lower left, Varsity Gymnastics Team: Peggy Palmer, Desi Angle, Anita Menghetti, Rhonda Bradley, Donna Westfall, Pam White, Christy Martinez.

below: Laure Bradford dazzles her audience with a floor exercise during a very important league meet.



left: While under a great amount of pressure, Kathy Satterwhite performs on the balance beam to help earn points for the team.

center left: Sandy Lubeck, under strain but nonetheless poised, puts in a near-flawless routine on the uneven parallel bars.

right: Larry Mendonca comes in for a stand-up triple.

below, **Varsity Baseball Team**, front row: George Travao, Brian Cooper, Danny Borba, David Page, Gizz Lopez, Mick Hardenbrook, Glenn Walker. second row: Coach Martin Boer, Rocky Vinnedge, Dale Benoit, Darrell Boyles, Albert Urquidez, Larry Mendonca, Danny Guzzi, Jeff Woodbridge.



above: David Page dives back safe from an attempted pick-off.

right: Danny Guzzi swings but fouls the ball off.

opposite page, center: Brian Cooper and Rocky Vinnedge attempt to pick off a Central base stealer.

opposite page, lower left: Brian Cooper winds up to throw his fast ball.

opposite page, lower right: Darrel Boyles, known as one of the best catchers in the league, prepares to signal the pitcher.



Win 6 of first 7, but . . .

Team disabled by Cooper's broken ankle

Led once again by head coach Martin Boer, the fifteen members of the Varsity Baseball Team enjoyed a more successful season than usual this year, with the Panthers inducing several exciting games against forceful opponents. During the game against Ceres High, Brian Cooper, MHS's ace pitcher, broke his ankle and was out for the remainder of the season. Cooper had mastered the most successful pick-off move in the CCC league, and the team was at a disadvantage for the remainder of

the season because of the accident. Members felt the team could have been the victor of more games, but couldn't always pull themselves together to function as a unit. The Panthers possessed much talent; star athletes included seniors Cooper, Danny Guzzi, Larry Mendoza, and Jeff Woodbridge, and Darrell Boyles, a junior. Third baseman Guzzi was an asset to the team both as a defensive player and at bat, with Jeff Woodbridge

continuing to display sports excellence at second base. Jeff was also honored with the Gibson Award. Along with pitching ace Cooper, outfielder Mendoza and Boyles, the catcher, the Varsity Team proved to have abundant talent and skill. Returning junior players and recently re-hired coach Boer anticipate help from upcoming sophomore players to promote an even more successful season next year.



MODESTO	OPPONENT	
10	Central	1
5	Riverbank	4
8	Oakdale	3
1	Ceres	8
4	East Union	1
8	Manteca	3
3	Atwater	1
1	Turlock	5
1	Beyer	8
0	Davis	14
6	Downey	4
10	Sonora	0
0	Downey	5
2	Beyer	1
3	Merced	4
7	Atwater	6
3	Turlock	6
3	Beyer	6
2	Downey	3
0	Davis	5
5	Merced	7



below: Ed Faria slams a double against Beyer
 right: Carlos Gracia pitches his famous curve for another strike.
 lower right: First baseman Tony Rocha catches a fly as Carlos Gracia backs him up.



Sophomore sluggers earn few runs but improve record from last year

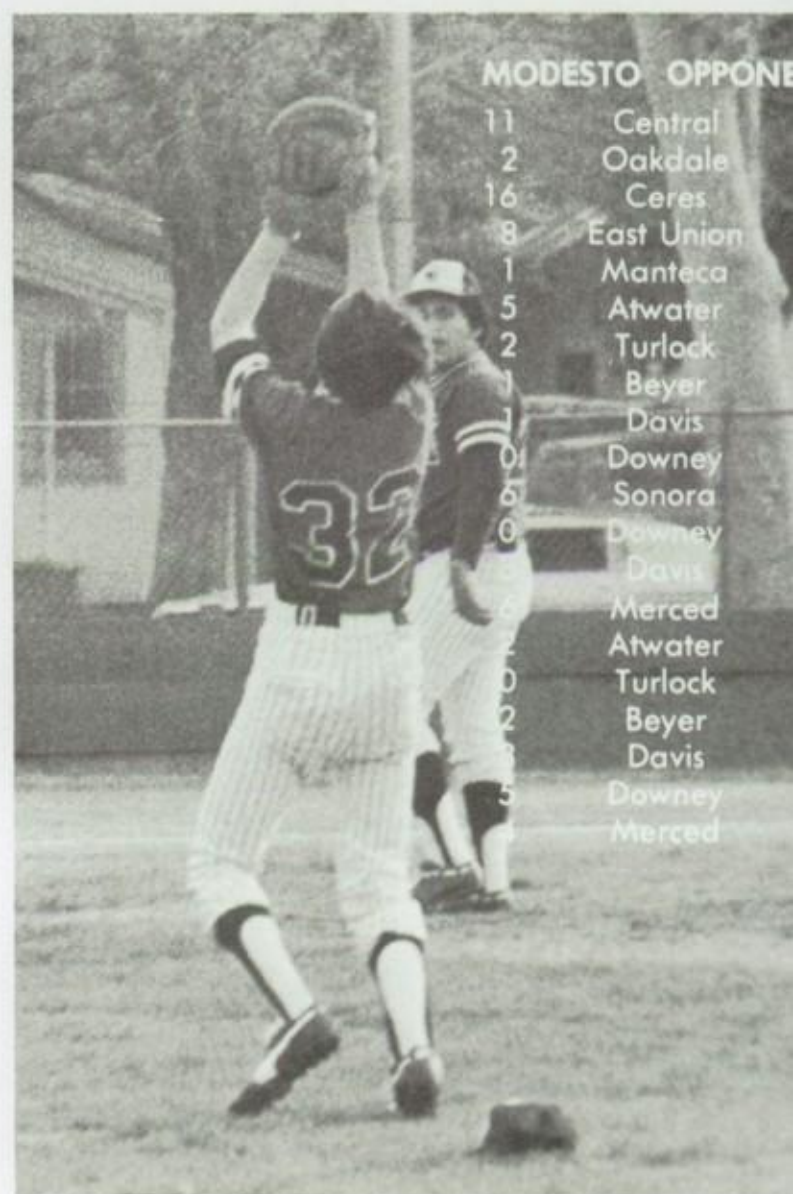
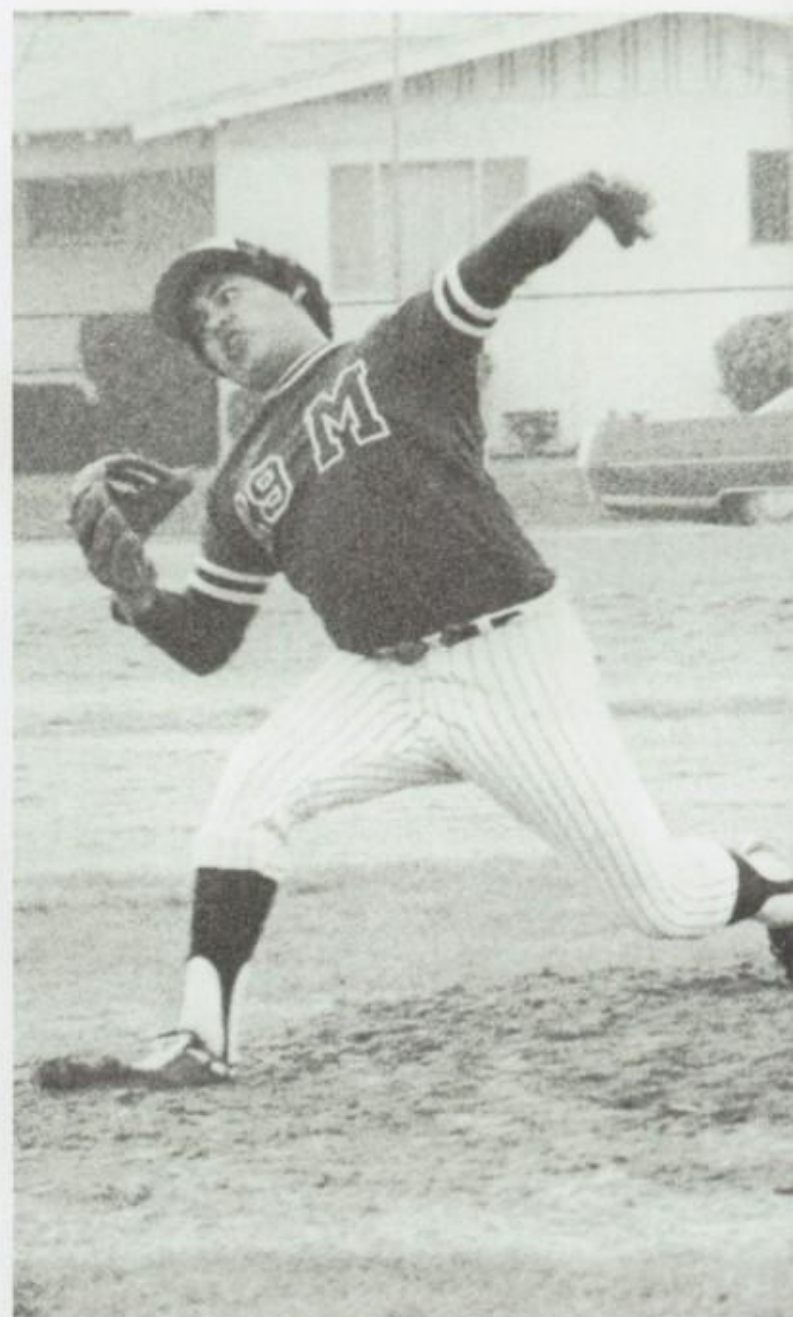
Consisting of a mere fourteen players, the Sophomore Baseball Team struggled and fought persistently against their sinking CCC position and a generally disappointing season. Yet all efforts to raise themselves from the cellar were futile, as the team was defeated in 14 games out of 20.

The team record, though, was no indication of the talent its players possessed. Team captain Steve McManis proved his proficiency at shortstop, and also at the plate with consistent, dependable batting. Ed Faria was another outstanding player on the team, combining his ability at bat with behind-the-plate

catching expertise to rank as one of its best players. Tony Rocha's strong first-base tactics made it difficult for opponents to achieve a mere base-running position at first.

Pitching for the young Panthers was Gilbert 'Pee Wee' Rosenberg and Carlos Gracia, both in their second year as pitchers for MHS. Coach Tom Chagnon, in his second year as sophomore mentor, stressed the importance of technique and practice throughout the season.

Although the talent and players were present, the young team couldn't seem to dig itself out of the deep slump, and the season ended in sheer defeat.



MODESTO OPPONE

11	Central
2	Oakdale
16	Ceres
8	East Union
1	Manteca
5	Atwater
2	Turlock
1	Beyer
1	Davis
0	Downey
6	Sonora
0	Downey
1	Davis
6	Merced
1	Atwater
0	Turlock
0	Beyer
2	Davis
3	Downey
5	Merced



left, Sophomore Baseball Team, front row: Rich Fultz, Robert Aguirre, Jeff Scoggins, John Verissimo. **second row:** Clem Ott, Moises Martinez, Randy White, Carlos Heredia. **third row:** Steve McManis, Ed Faria, Gilbert Rosenberg, Carlos Gracia, Tony Rocha, Coach Tom Chagnon.

lower left: Scooping up a low ball, Ed Faria watches as a Sonora batter backs off.

lower right: First baseman Tony Rocha watches and waits for a ball to come his way.



above: Gilbert Ybarra swings hard as the Davis catcher nabs the ball.

left: Carlos Gracia, Gilbert Rosenberg, Ed Faria, and Tony Rocha gather on the mound for a strategy conference.



Freshman nine show talent but find victory eludes them at home plate

Turning five players down for positions on the Freshman Baseball Team, coach Pete Rocha began the task of training 20 eager players with hopes of a winning season.

Playing aggressive baseball was the key to the team's impressive first two consecutive victories—the first a one-hit shut-out against Atwater and the second against the powerful Turlock team. But two wins over Downey later in the season marked a total of only four wins for the young team.

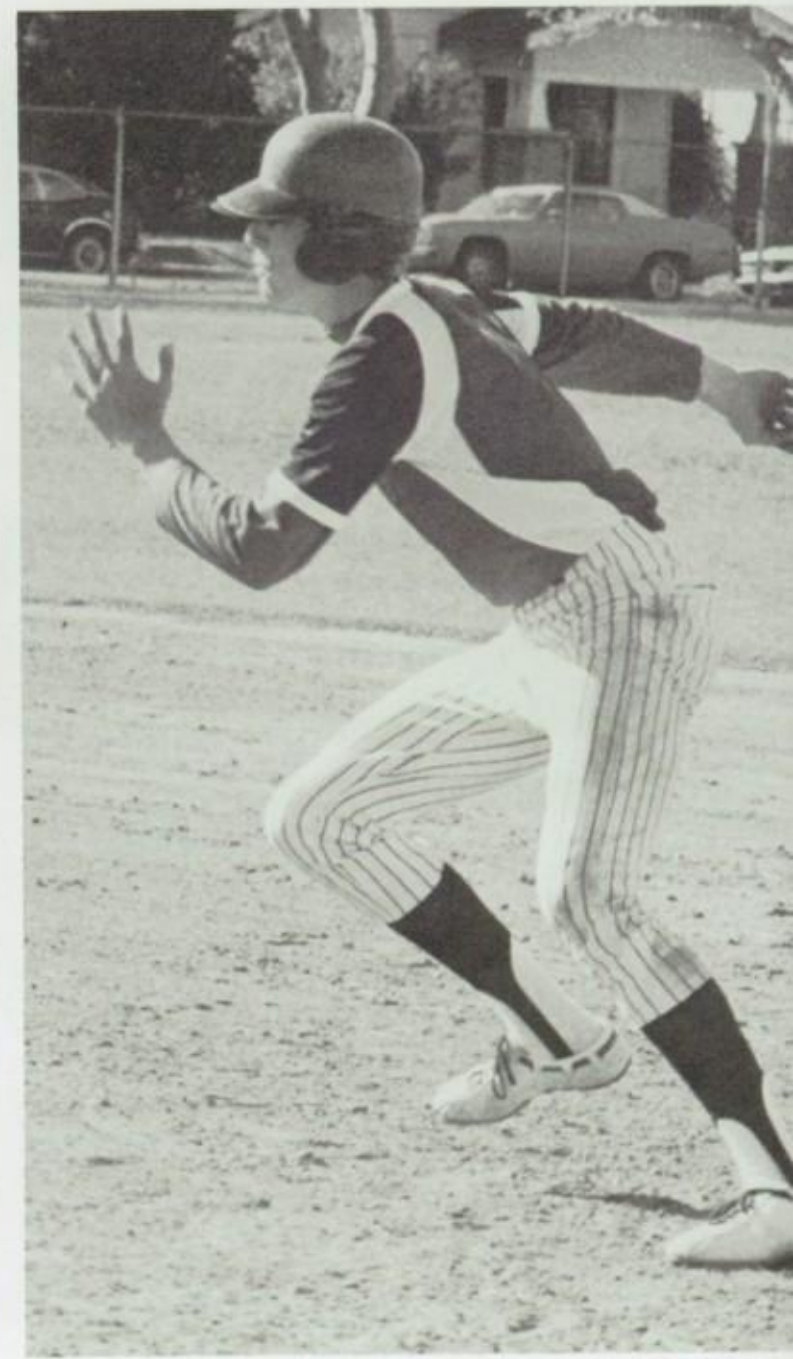
Outstanding players included Ed Henriques, Randy Ragar, Steve Hawkins, and Jeff Grigsby.

MODESTO	OPPONENT	
4	Atwater	0
7	Turlock	3
1	Beyer	6
1	Davis	8
3	Downey	2
1	Merced	3
2	Atwater	15
2	Turlock	10
4	Beyer	10
0	Davis	5
3	Downey	2
1	Merced	3



above, Freshman Baseball Team, front row: Chris Fielder, Tim Tate, Richard Jackson, Doug Balmain, Randy Ragar, Harvey Pimentel, Noel Phelps. second row: Jeff Ribero, Paul Charron, Tony Franco, Ricky Nelson, Steve Hawkins, Rick Saso, Robert Cheatham, Ed Henriques, Jeff Grigsby, Martin Dieu, Eric Ziegler, Adam Perez, Danny Long, Coach Pete Rocha.

right: Playing shortstop, Randy Ragar fields the ball and throws the runner out at first.

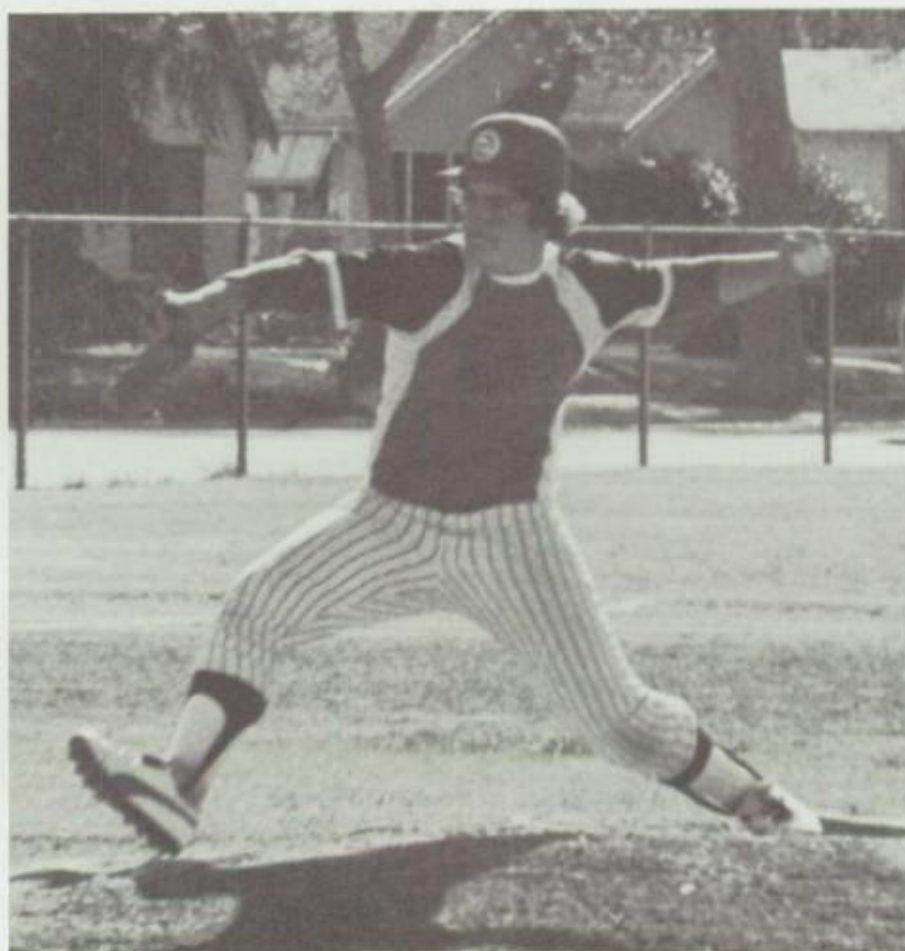




far left: Adam Perez shows good fielding position as he prepares to scoop up the ball.

left: Coach Pete Rocha disagrees on a call from the umpire concerning Rick Saso.

below: Steve Hawkins picks up the ball after almost losing it on a throw back from the catcher.



center left: Martin Dieu attempts to steal second base on a hit-and-run play.

above: Ed Henriques fouls back a pitch during the Davis game.

left: Martin Dieu slides in safe to third.



right: Debbie McCuiston anxiously waits for a chance to steal a base.
 below: Shawna Crane tests her distance in the broad jump.
 lower right: Geraldine Nunes slams the ball into left field.



above, Girls Track Team, front: Theresa Chavez, Shawna Crane, Bunny McHale. back: Linda Mitts, Lora Alexander, Kathy Lee.





Individuals show outstanding ability but low turnout hurts girls program

Coaches for the Girls Softball Team, Yvonne Wilson and Rhonda Prybyloski, named their 'dynamic duo,' Shannon Watson and Kathy Fultz, both juniors, as the most improved and the most outstanding players, respectively. Kathy started the year playing the position of shortstop and eventually advanced to catcher; Shannon pitched for the MHS team.

Though at the beginning of the season the team appeared strong in numbers and potential, it ended the season with only eleven members. Composed basically of returning juniors, this year's team also included several freshmen.

Shannon Watson explained, "The ending scores at several of our games was disappointing because we would lose by only one or two runs."

Because of the substantial drop in

the number of team members, individual awards were numerous, but for this year's Girls Track Team, success as a whole seemed virtually impossible. Sign-ups declined drastically from last year, but the girls who did go out for the team worked hard and fared well individually.

The team was composed largely of sophomores, and because they won so many individual awards, a brighter outlook is predicted for the future.

Kathy Lee led the team with many firsts in the 100-yard dash and 220-yard dash throughout the season. Despite their small size, the girls put together an excellent 440 relay team comprised of Theresa Chavez, Kathy Lee, Bunny McHale, and Shawna Crane. Returning from last year was senior Linda Mitts, who was our top-ranked shot putter and discus thrower.



upper left: Shannon Watson tries for another strikeout at the pitcher's mound.

center: Showing fierce determination, Kathy Lee strives to stay ahead in the medley relay.

above: Theresa Chavez takes the lead after receiving the baton in the medley relay.

left, Girls Softball Team, front row: Kelli Santos, Geraldine Nunes, Kathy Fultz, Shannon Watson, Gayle Davis, Lisa Gharat. **back row:** Rhonda Prybyloski, Cindy Boday, Debbie McCuiston, Diane Martin, Nina Satriles, Lorraine Rosa, Desi Angle, Coach Yvonne Wilson.

3 Outstanding not enough

Harriers' efforts spiked by low enrollment



The Varsity Track Team was determined, even though with only ten members squad victories were few. Paced by returning lettermen Pete Alberto, Chuck Hale, and Joe Schoonover, the individual victories were numerous.

Chuck Hale was city champion in both the 440-yard run and the 330 low hurdles. He also made it to sectional competition in the 440's and was voted most valuable runner on the varsity team. Joe Schoonover, who shattered the MHS Varsity Pole Vault record of 13'1" as a sophomore, bettered his own record of 13'3" to 14'0" and swept the city

championships for the second year in a row. Pete Alberto was outstanding all year long in both the mile and two-mile runs and received the Most Outstanding award.

Schoonover expressed regret that the turnout was low. "Last year's Team was so large, it looked like we'd have a big varsity this year, but a lot of guys just lost interest and dropped out." Nonetheless, coaches Len Kaiser and H. L. Clark were very pleased with the performance of each athlete, which helped to make the smallest team years one of the most successful, percentagewise.



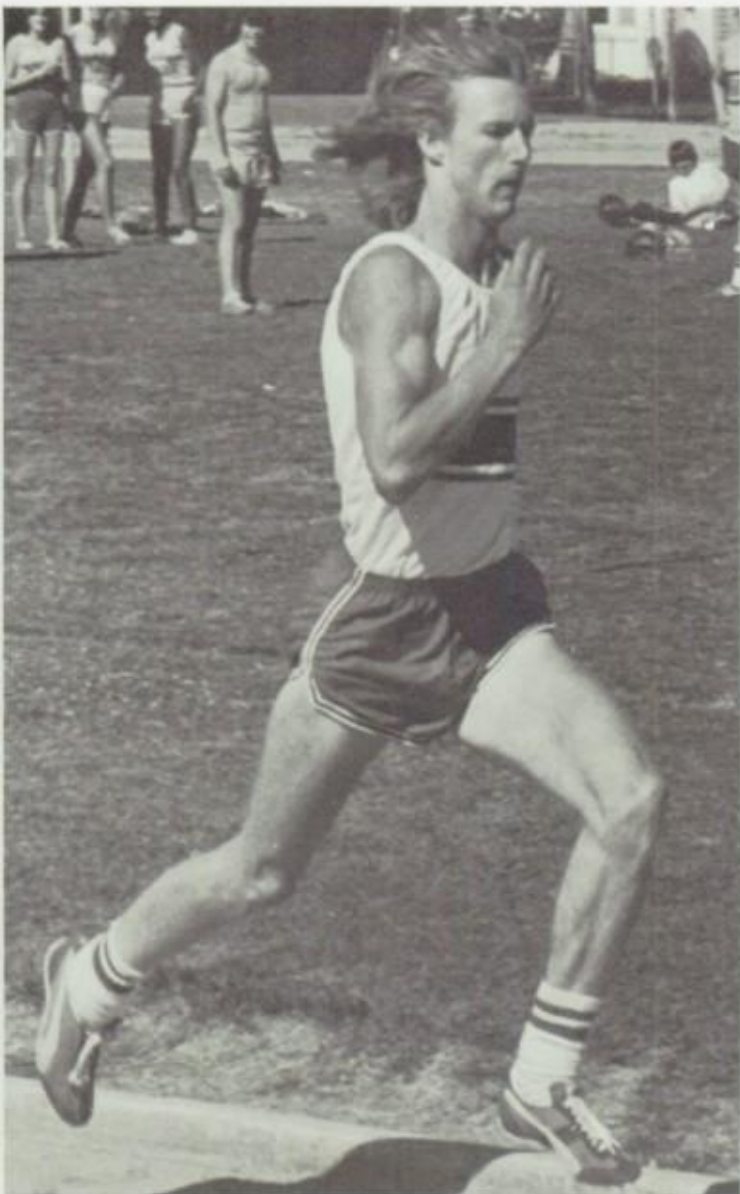
upper left: Rick Simental strains toward the tape in the two-mile run.
above: Using every ounce of strength, Chuck Hale strides over the hurdles.

right: Robert Merenda release the discus to win a duo meet against Beyer.





left: Joe Schoonover demonstrates his record-breaking form in the pole vault.
below: Ron Osterero uses supreme effort in shot putting.



above, Varsity Track Team, front row: Joel Tejeda, Pedro Alberto, Rick Simental, Joe Schoonover. **back row:** Greg Florez, Robert Merenda, Chuck Hale, Jeff Vail, Ron Osterero.

left: Chuck Hale displays the running form which took him to section competition in the 440-yard run.

JV fieldmen hurdle small size barrier to earn second in CCC



For each of the twenty-four members of the Sophomore Track Team, whether the event was distance running, high jump, hurdles, long jump, pole vault, shot put, or sprints, striving for perfection in all areas of track and field was a common goal. Working out during seventh period, after school, and often on Saturdays, team members built the endurance factor vital for a prosperous season against several powerful opponents. Despite being hampered by rain during the first few weeks of practice, the athlete's spirits remained undaunted as hopes for CCC victory grew stronger.

Under the knowledgeable direction of coaches Len Kaiser, H. L. Clark, and Mike Kiyoi, the dedicated squad

fared quite well as a team in addition to displaying individual excellence. Outstanding athletes for the team included Elias Alberto, Frank Gonzales, Mark Ketchum, Bill McGill, Tim Simmons, Charles Tademy, and Scott Tomlin.

The exceptionally exciting season was highlighted by the team's placing second in CCC league competition—an achievement earned all too seldom on campus this year.

H. L. Clark, one of the three sophomore coaches, predicted, "I'm confident that in the spring of 1980 the Varsity Track squad will begin reaping the rewards of these outstanding young performers."



upper left: Long jumper Frank Gonzales strives to make the winning score.

above: Kurry Crane eases over the bar during high jump competition.

above right: During the relay hand-off Tim Simmons and Bill McGill sprint their way to victory.

right, Frosh-Soph Track Team, front row: Humberto Alberto, Ponce Madrigal, Elias Alberto, Jose Ortega, Mike McGrath, David Gilbert, Mark Ketchum. **second row:** Akira Bell, Kurry Crane, Hugo Ortiz, Larry Moore, Don Boucher, Scott Tomlin, Karl Anderson. **third row:** Frank Gonzales, Randy Ross, Roland Roberts, Rolando Meeks, Jeff Cagle, Fred Miller, Charles Tademy, Jim Drew, Tim Simmons.





left: Mark Ketchum uses his athletic technique in trying to master the pole vault.
below: During a track meet, Kurry Crane concentrates on the next hurdle, confident he will hit the tape first.



above: Scott Tomlin smiles as he realizes he is coming in first.
left: Akira Bell strives to make it over one more hurdle on his way to the tape.



right: Ray Gutierrez pits his powerful back-hand against his opponent.
center right: Mike Rangel uses an overhead smash to take the point.
lower right: Luis Gutierrez intently watches the ball after a double-handed back swing.
below: Brian Brown and Arthur Fabela double up to give the other team some trouble.



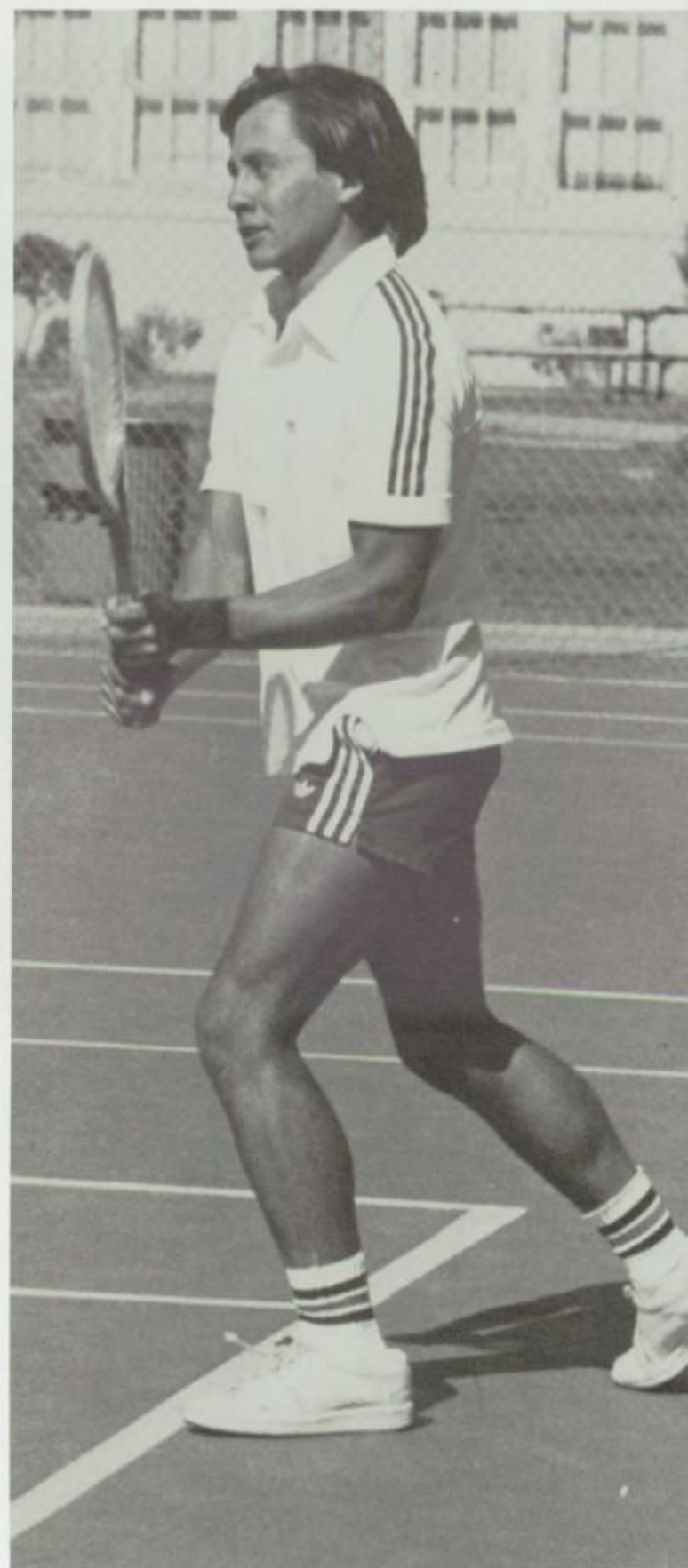
Team short on points all season but nets three spots in league finals

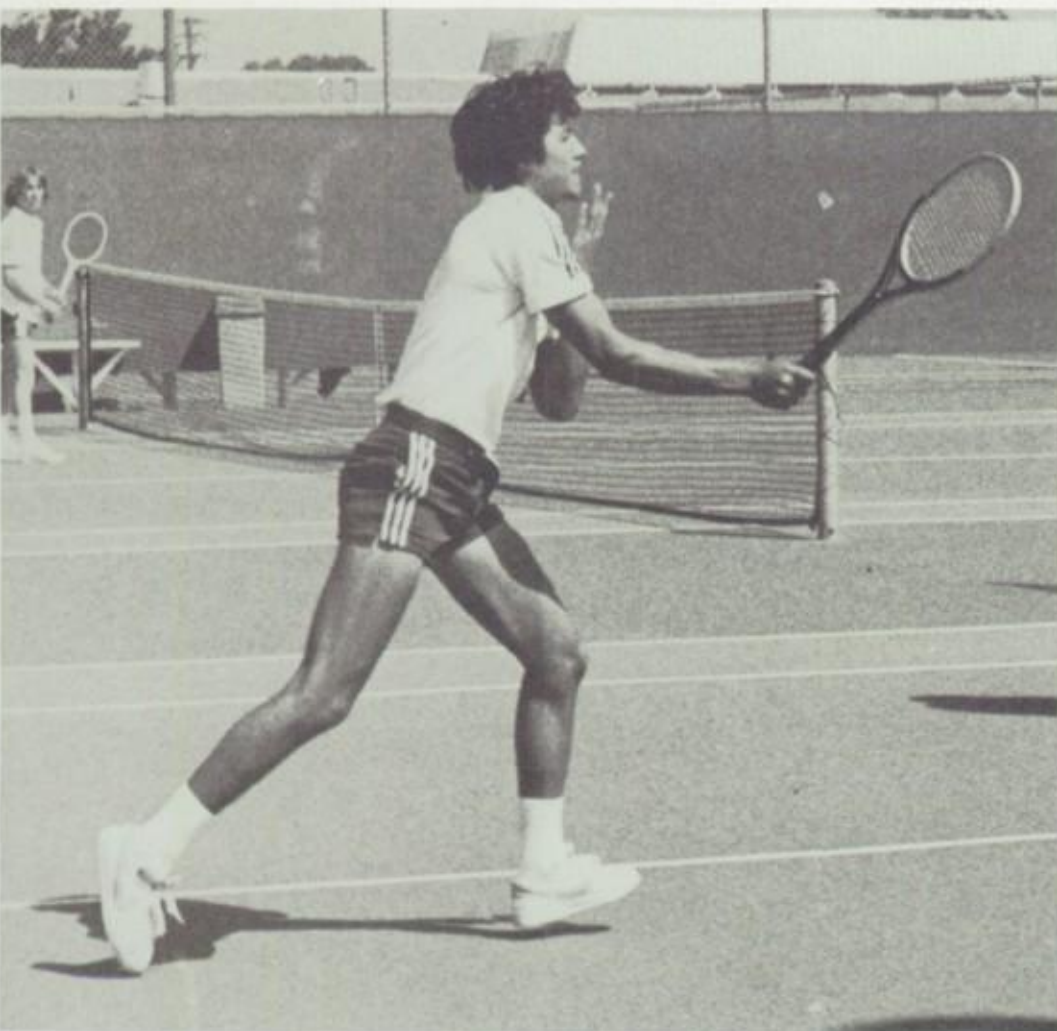
Returning to his coaching career after a sabbatical leave last year, Dennis Clark succeeded in leading the Boys Tennis Team with an optimistic attitude, despite a disappointing season of no team victories.

Several team members were returning veterans from the previous years. Senior twin brothers Ray and Luis Gutierrez were in constant competition for the number one singles position. The top three singles positions were held by Ray, Luis, and Mike Rangel, who

returned this year as a junior. The number one doubles position was occupied by Brian Brown and Arthur Fabela.

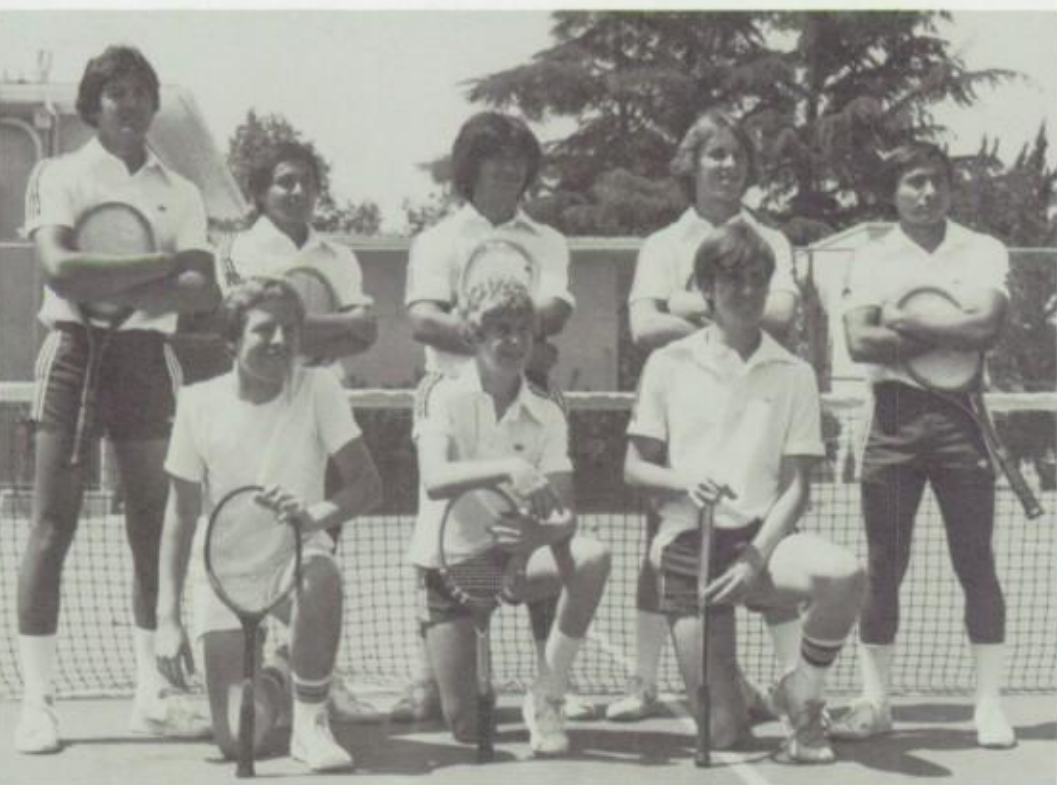
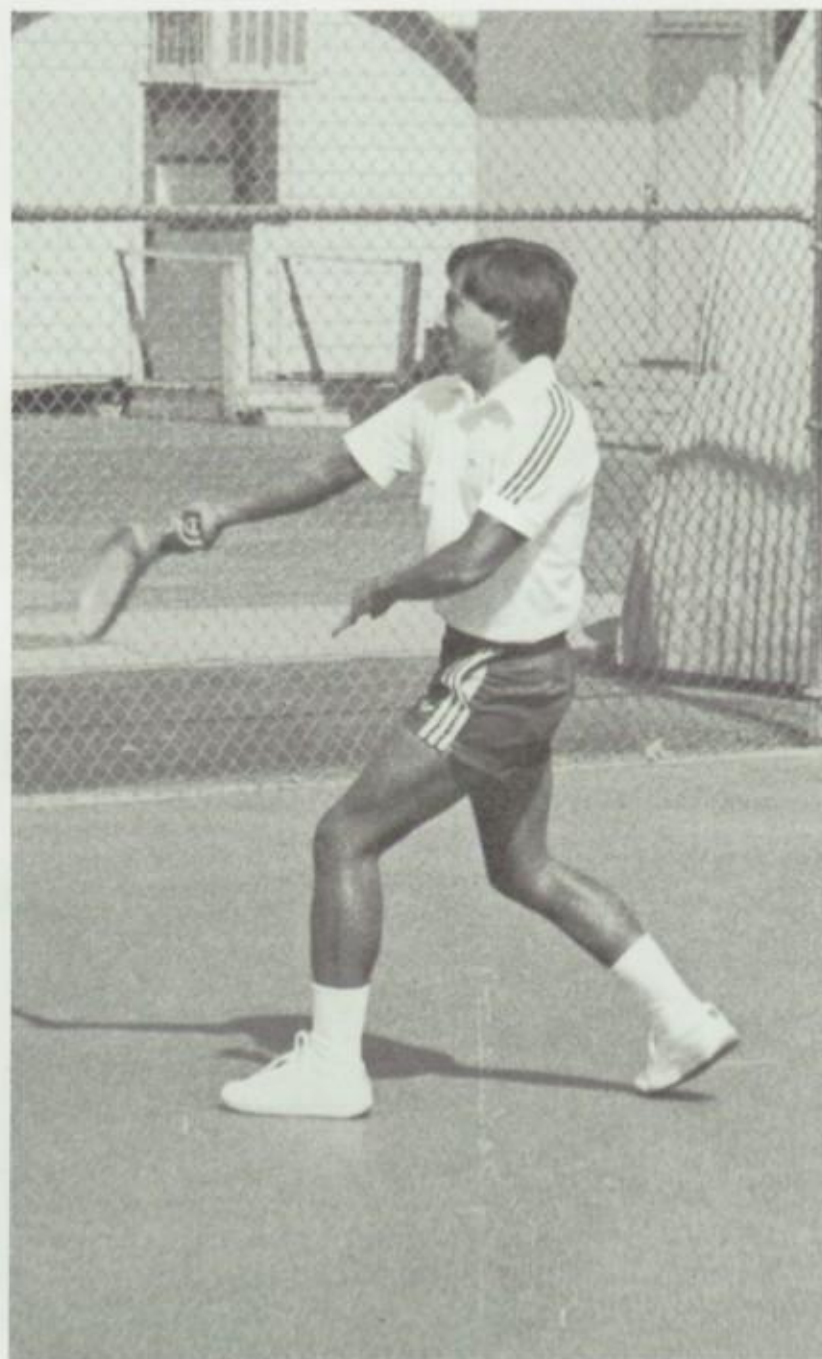
Representing the team at the CCC league finals were Ray and Luis, playing together in doubles competition, while Mike Rangel competed for MHS in the singles competition. All three team members represented MHS with spirit and determination, although they were edged out before reaching the final rounds.





left: Arthur Fabela strives to reach the ball for a smash return.
below: Ray Gutierrez uses his famous move to place the ball in the right spot every time.

lower center, Boys Varsity Tennis Team, front row: Eric Smith, David Wend, Brian Brown. **back row:** Arthur Fabela, Luis Gutierrez, Mike Rangel, Jeff Fletcher, Ray Gutierrez.



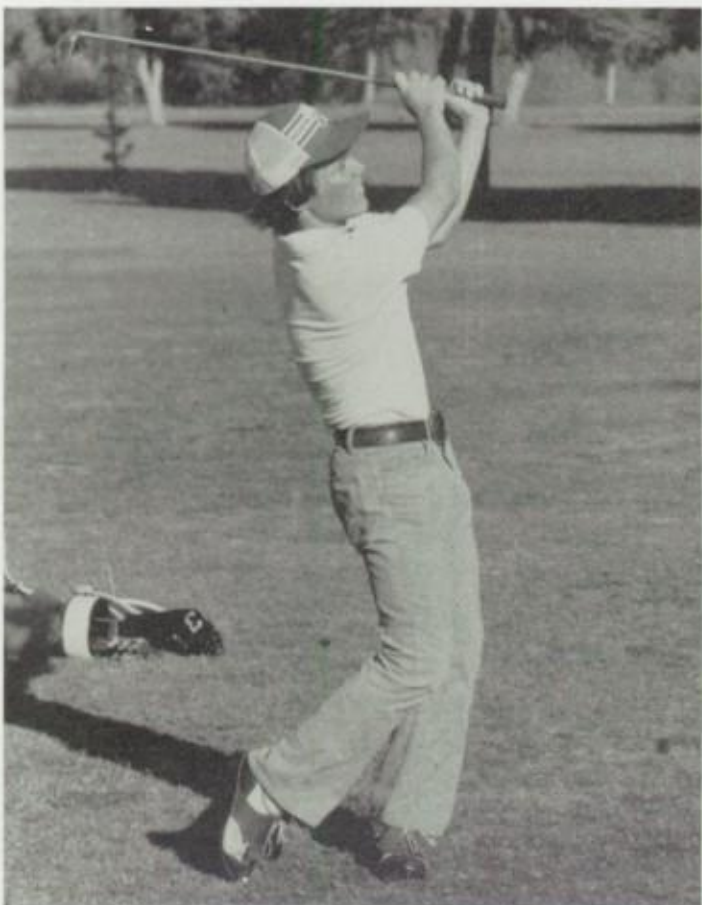
center left: Jeff Fletcher works out hard in order to score another point for the Panthers.
left: David Wend hits a low ball with ease.

right: Robert Miller plays a delicate pitch shot over a sand-trap to the green.

below: Roy Bridges show off his form in an approach shot to the green.

lower center, Golf Team, front row: Roy Bridges, Robert Miller. **second row:** Doug Venturini, Mike Davis, Juan Alberto, Keith Coonce, Lewis Douglas, Coach Herb Poddig, David Palmer.

lower right: Keith Coonce smacks the ball for a long putt.



Bridges closes the gap as Golf Team drives to better-than-usual season

Under the direction of coach Herb Poddig, the Golf Team completed an average winning season, finishing 4-8 in league competition. Composed of a mere eight players, talent, hard work, and dedication to the sport were abundant and a necessary part of every player.

Beneath the ordinary-appearing season, the team possessed a few impressive, highly-skilled and talented golfers. And since most of the

members of the team were underclassmen, Poddig was hopeful that next season all of them will return to compete.

By far, the outstanding golfer on the MHS squad was young Roy Bridges, who averaged 41 per game. Coach Poddig exclaimed, "Roy was the best freshman I've coached so far. I'm expecting a good upcoming season since most of the golfers are returning."



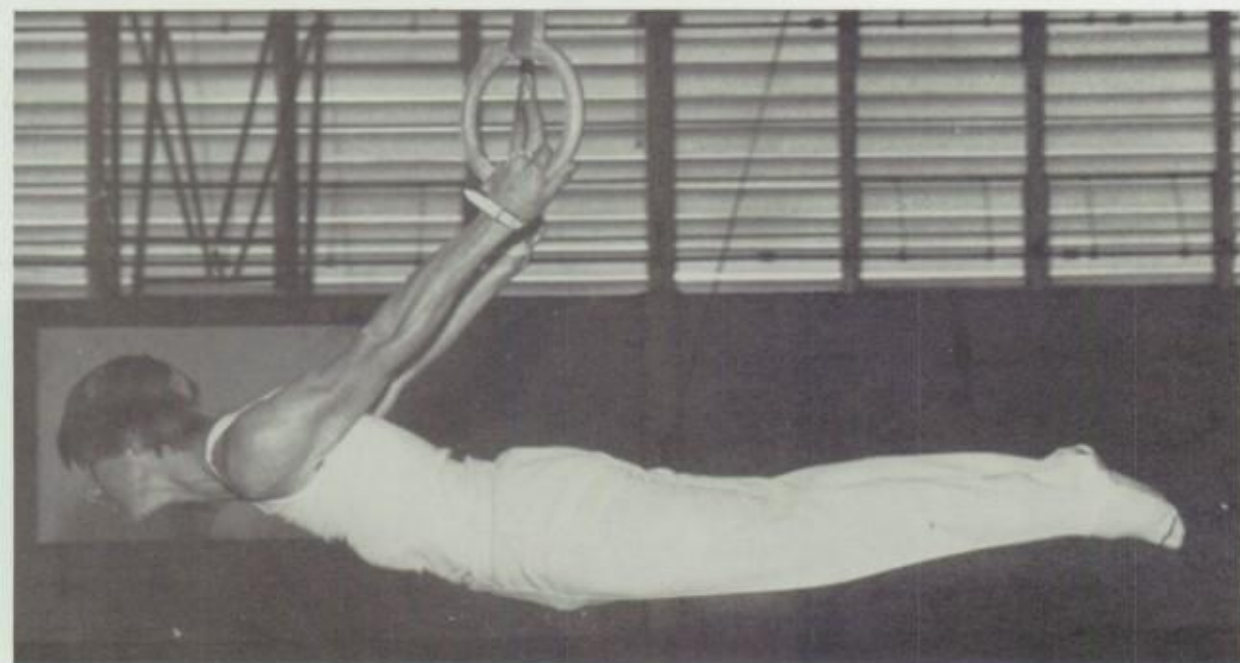


Boys gymnastics workout displays skills of strength, dexterity, timing

Boys Gymnastics, again not able to compete as a CCC sport due to the lack of local competition and funding cut-backs on transportation, nonetheless continued to attract many interested in the class, which maintained its popularity as a physical fitness and coordination activity. Developing gymnastics skills occupies many hours of strenuous work and concentration, with gymnasts benefit-

ting from the use of the parallel bars, vaulting horse, rings, high bar, and tumbling mats.

Under the experienced coaching of Bill Yard, each team member was dedicated in reaching personal goals of body building, and the class provided a well-rounded introduction to the increasingly popular sport of gymnastics.



upper left: Ron Jackson performs a 'giant' into a perfect handstand during the Gymnastics Assembly.

above: Willie Flores does a breath-taking 'front aerial' to conclude his workout on the parallel bars during the Gymnastics Assembly.

left: Showing powerful strength, Kirk Melson executes a 'lever' on the rings, one of the most difficult moves in Boys Gymnastics.

TRYIN' TO MAKE IT

Apathy was prevalent among the clubs and classes, as student activities suffered severely by mid-year as a result of non-involvement. Activity periods, scheduled at two-week intervals, provided a time for clubs to meet and plan their activities. Instead of attending the meetings, however, many students felt the extra 20 minutes added just enough time to the lunch period to go off campus for some fun or just go out to eat.

New graduation requirements forced all students except seniors to pass competency tests in reading, writing, health, social studies, and math, or be enrolled into a remedial course. An additional 15 basic level courses contributed to the already overloaded schedule. Overcrowding or reduced offerings in courses such as art, music, home ec, and industrial ed resulted from the drastic cuts.

Many students found it necessary to hold a job, while still concentrating on furthering their education. This brought inevitable conflicts, as they attempted to balance required classes, electives, and work experience in a schedule satisfactory to everyone.



above: With a knack for auto mechanics, Brad Kunkel eagerly searches under the hood for a solution to the problem.

upper center: After a mock election in the government classes, Mr. John Whitaker congratulates 'national president' Russell Lusk, who was chosen by the 'House of Representatives' after a deadlock in the 'Electoral College.'

far upper right: Rod Wright sets up Arthur Fabela, Nina Satriles, and Derek Shuman as Tim Walker and Joe Schoonover back him up during the finals of the inter-club Volleyball Tournament; however, it was a futile effort as Block M went on to defeat the Sycamore Staff for the second year in a row.

far right: Dennis Chavez and Lupe Barron examine the location of the stolen Rembrandt painting at the De Young Museum during a Title I field trip to San Francisco; it was one of the few field trips taken all year due to lack of funds.

right: Robert Soares waits for his cue, as Ross Lee stands by for his turn at the mike during the FFA Banquet.



English Department, NFL survive cuts in funding, staff reductions

With 'back-to-basics' becoming a grim reality in education, MHS students were offered a wide variety of English classes ranging from language lab to various mini courses, composition to drama, and journalism to speech.

As the English Competency Tests loomed over the heads of underclassmen, enrollment increased in basic English classes, the result of many students failing the test. Enrollment was down in Masterpieces, as with many of the senior classes, causing the consolidation of all the classes into two periods.

Because of extra teaching assignments, photojournalism classes were cut back to two periods in the fall, which resulted in overcrowding and frustration in attempts to use the limited equipment available. Mr. Jim Shuman, photojournalism instructor, stated, "It's difficult to teach any class—especially an activity class

such as photojournalism—to 40 students at one time. All I can do is try to maintain a little order." Although a third period was restored in the spring, the course continued below previous years' enrollment levels.

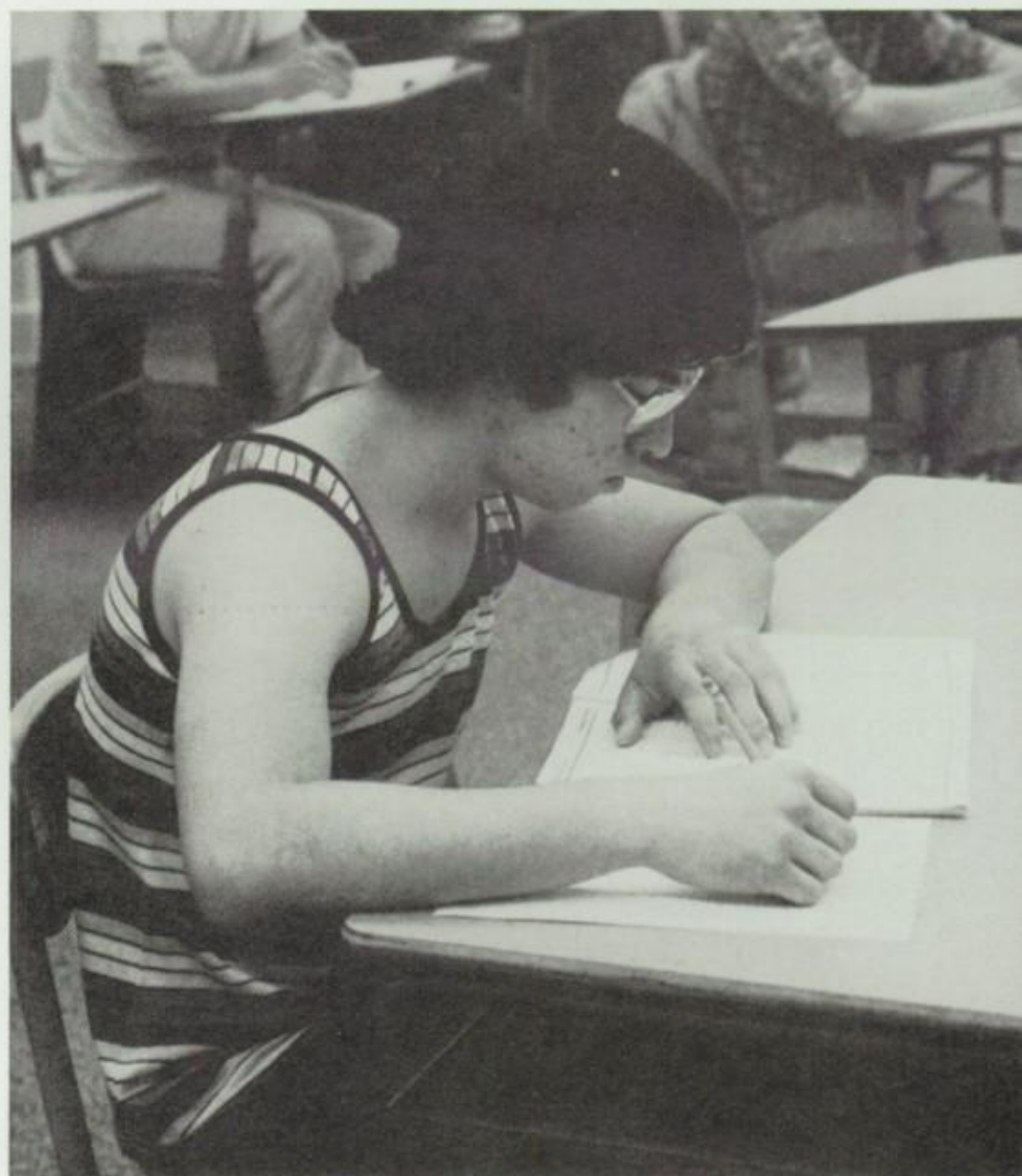
Enrollment in Competitive Speech and Debate also decreased, and with the news that the district could no longer provide out-of-town transportation, the few remaining members of the NFL struggled to survive. Students and advisor Mr. Rodney Owen devoted time to working in the concession stand during football and basketball games to raise funds. They also organized the second annual speak-a-thon, another money-raising event. Through their diligent efforts they were able to attend every tournament on the '79 schedule, and by 'parting with pocket money' were even able to attend a three-day invitational tournament in Berkeley, returning with awards and honors.



above: Mr. Pritchard Amstutz explains a difficult English worksheet to Rodney Newton.

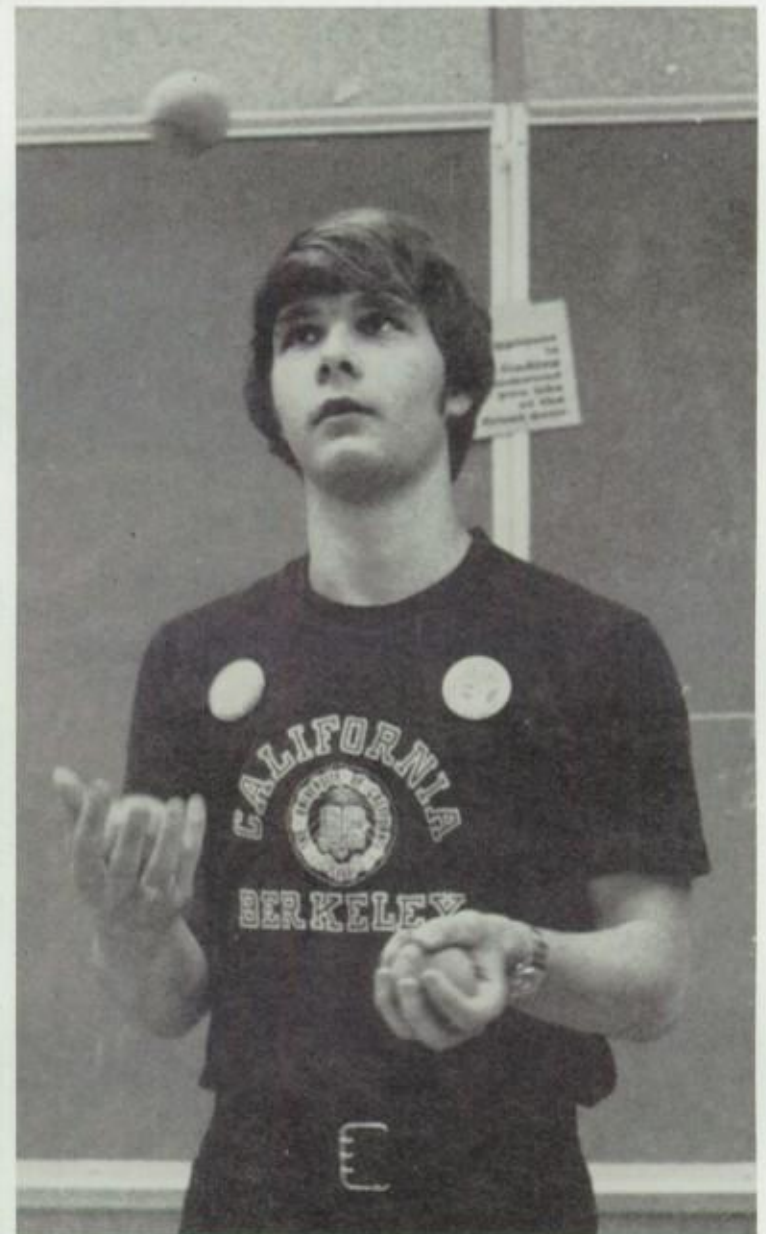
upper right: Setting up the tape recorder, Mr. Rodney Owen explains to his debate class how to record their own speeches.

right: Cautiously completing the required Basic Competency Test, a freshman English student pauses to check his answers.





left: Paul Klink presents the affirmative side of a practice debate.
below, NFL, front row: Andy Klink, Lynn Moore, Joe Schoonover, Mark Ketchum, Nathaniel White.
second row: Dell Lopez, Dale Kuykendall, Tom Vallin, Jeff Vail, Curtis Escobar, Kara Bentsen. back row: Advisor Mr. Rodney Owen, Hugo Ortiz, Maria Contreras.



center left: Mrs. Sharon Fowler reviews the homework assignment for Peggy Dean, Monte Warren and Steve Anderson.
above: Tom Vallin practices his prize-winning expository speech on juggling.
left: Tony Usiak separates his negatives at the light table in Photojournalism.





above, Sycamore Staff, front row: James Shuman, Bob Silva, Russell Lusk, Nina Satriles, Colette Avila, Kathy Kunkel, Mike Hyer. **second row:** Barbara Ustick, Derek Shuman, Doug Gibson, Steve Bertozzi, Mike McCombs, Pam White, Brad Kunkel, Anita Menghetti. **third row:** Tim Walker, Joe Schoonover, Scott Calkins, Robert Merenda. **fourth row:** Tony Lucas, Gayle Davis. **in tree:** Kirk Melson,

Deana Crook, Dale Benoit, Rocky Vinnedge.

inset: Checking the shutter speed, editor Steve Bertozzi prepares to take some lunch time photographs.

see related stories on pages 280 and 281.

Yearbook production lags as staff neglects responsibilities



Attempting to out-do last year's five-star All-American **Sycamore**, the 1979 staff, with just under 30 members, sputtered, stalled and suffered several breakdowns throughout the long and tedious year. With most of the work being planned and executed by a few dedicated staff members and advisor Jim Shuman, an apathetic, 'who cares?' sort of attitude prevailed within most staff members throughout the book's production, as they ignored all pleas for involvement and a sense of urgency. In fairness to the staff, their feelings paralleled the attitude felt by most everyone on campus.

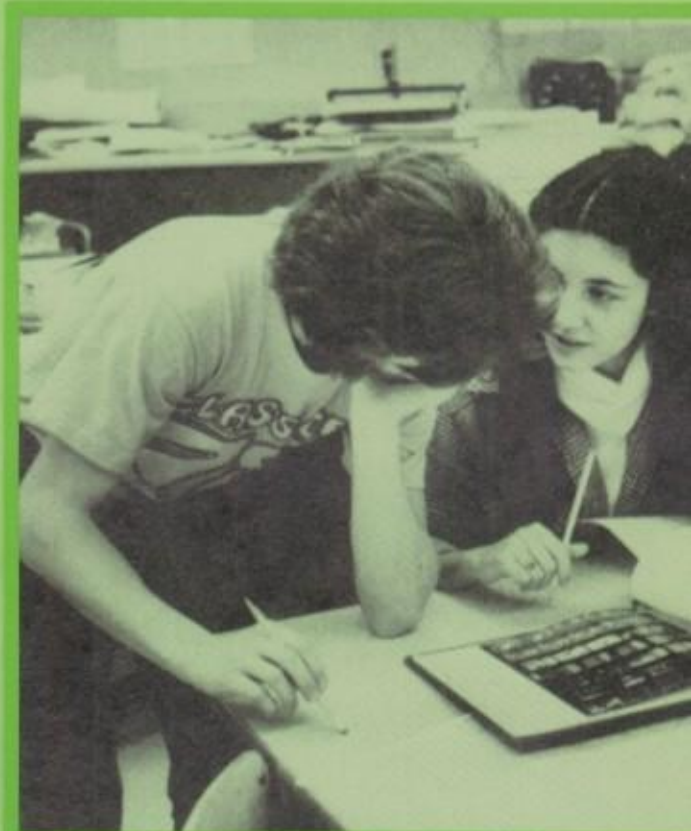
Last summer, as the final details of the '78 yearbook were tended to before Distribution Day, plans for the '79 **Sycamore** were already being made by the four editors and advisor Shuman. Steve Bertozzi, editor-in-chief, Russell Lusk, layout editor, Bob Silva, copy editor, and Mike McCombs, photo editor, all selected the previous spring, comprised the productive hub of the staff. Meeting frequently during the summer, they chose the theme, copy style, and layouts, as well as making the decision to recommend a fall delivery book. The theme of 'What's Goin' On?' aptly describing the uncertain year that lay ahead, was chosen by the editors and approved by Shuman.

Due to administration-originated scheduling conflicts, nearly one half the staff was double-enrolled, most of them with

either band or gymnastics. Discovering the hard way last year that many staff members often shun their responsibilities in favor of other interests during the year, Shuman sought the assurance of each member that they would remain actively involved in yearbook production throughout the year. Yet as other, perhaps more interesting and less demanding functions were planned elsewhere on campus, many journalism students seemed to spread themselves too thin, with the yearbook suffering as a result. At the end of the first semester, only about 1/5 of the book was finished.

As staff members by their absences indirectly proclaimed 'we don't care!' those who *did* care were forced to meet outside of school time twice weekly to attempt to 'catch up' on the mounting work still untouched. The once-descriptive, appropriate theme of 'What's Goin' On?' seemed to be rotting into an unwelcome 'Who Gives a Damn?' that neither Shuman nor the editorial staff could shake free of.

With distribution planned for early September, those who put in the most hours, stayed up the latest, and unselfishly took on the lazy staff members' pages, although depressed by the slow progress and general indifference they faced, became increasingly proud that, under such circumstances, a yearbook of such high quality was still being produced.



upper left: Rick Brown, Glenn Walker, and Tony Lucas work together in order to meet their deadlines on time.

lower left: Rod Wright and advisor Jim Shuman analyze some different yearbook layouts.

above: Copy editor Bob Silva makes spelling and grammar corrections in all yearbook copy.

above right: Photography editor Mike McCombs leafs through the proof book with Colette Avila.

right: Nina Satriles checks her story for errors before turning it in to the **Broadcast** copy editor.
lower right: At a Quill & Scroll meeting, Colette Avila is entertained by an amusing remark made by a Davis High student.

below, **Quill & Scroll Society**, front row: Sue Van Duyn, Steve Bertozzi, Gretchen Peek, Mike McCombs, Randy Anderson. back row: Kara Bentsen, Derek Shuman, Bob Silva, Russell Lusk.



Student journalists pursue excellence, gain honorary membership in Q & S

Informing the student body of important state, local, and on-campus occurrences, the **Broadcast** staff produced sixteen award-winning editions throughout the year. Staffed with eighteen eager journalism students, the newspaper was published bi-weekly at the ROP Media Center in Ceres. Headed by editor Sue Van Duyn, the paper was awarded a Superior rating from the San Joaquin Valley Scholastic Press Association.

Second-year advisor Bertha West claimed she was 'ecstatic' all year long. Said Mrs. West of editor Sue Van Duyn, "She pulled things together as editor, and got the staff to work hard on the paper. Although most of the staff members were dedicated, Sue often ended up doing last-minute page assignments herself that someone else didn't get finished."

One advantage that the newspaper staff had this year was receiving mailers from the Student Press Service in Washington. These mailers provided several article ideas for the students to use as 'fillers' and some were also expanded into feature articles.

The staff of the MHS annual literary publication, **Analecta**, began the year

with high expectations, but hopes for creating a complete volume seemed to fade out of sight. The few staff members discovered early that material from other students was vital to the magazine's success. Yet few people submitted writing, such as poetry, prose, and short stories. In addition, few drawings or creative artwork were received from students, placing a heavy demand on the staff while delaying final production until summer vacation. Staff members anticipate having the publication ready when school resumes in September.

For the first time in twenty years, the Quill and Scroll Society became active on campus, which made the year special for club advisor James Shuman. The club was aimed at outstanding writers and journalism students, who must be recommended by their English instructors before membership is granted.

Due to heavy involvement in various other journalism obligations, many of the members, plus advisor Shuman, were unable to contribute much time to the club, but plans are underway to make it into a functioning club on campus next year.





left, Broadcast staff, front row: Advisor Berta West, Derek Shuman. **second row:** Mike Imelio, Sue Van Duyn, Robert Merenda. **third row:** Dena Avila, Linda Isoni, Terri Carlton. **fourth row:** Gretchen Peek, Gabi Olivas, Brian Miller. **fifth row:** Nina Satriles, Marianne van der Burgh, Kara Bentsen. **sixth row:** Tom Vallin, Randy Anderson.

below, Analecta staff, front row: Hugo Ortiz, Kelli Santos, Mike Hatter, Rick Simental. **second row:** Derek Shuman, Laura Cortez, Kara Bentsen. **third row:** Barbara Ustick, Tom Vallin, Advisor Jim Autry, Scott James.



above left: Newspaper editor Sue Van Duyn writes her final editorial. **above right:** Mrs. Bertha West and Marianne van der Burgh ready copies of the **Broadcast** for distribution. **left:** Scott James, Barbara Ustick, and Kara Bentsen discuss copy for the literary magazine, **Analecta**, with advisor Mr. Jim Autry.

Social Science, AFS develop students' understanding of other

Social Science classes at MHS help to promote a general understanding of the lifestyles, economics, history, and international relations of foreign countries as well as our own.

Freshmen were required to enroll in World Geography, where they learned the basics of terrain and land mass. Sophomores under the general program were faced with Consumer Awareness, a class which alerts prospective and future buyers to the dangers of rash decision-making.

Juniors were compelled to learn famous names and events in American History

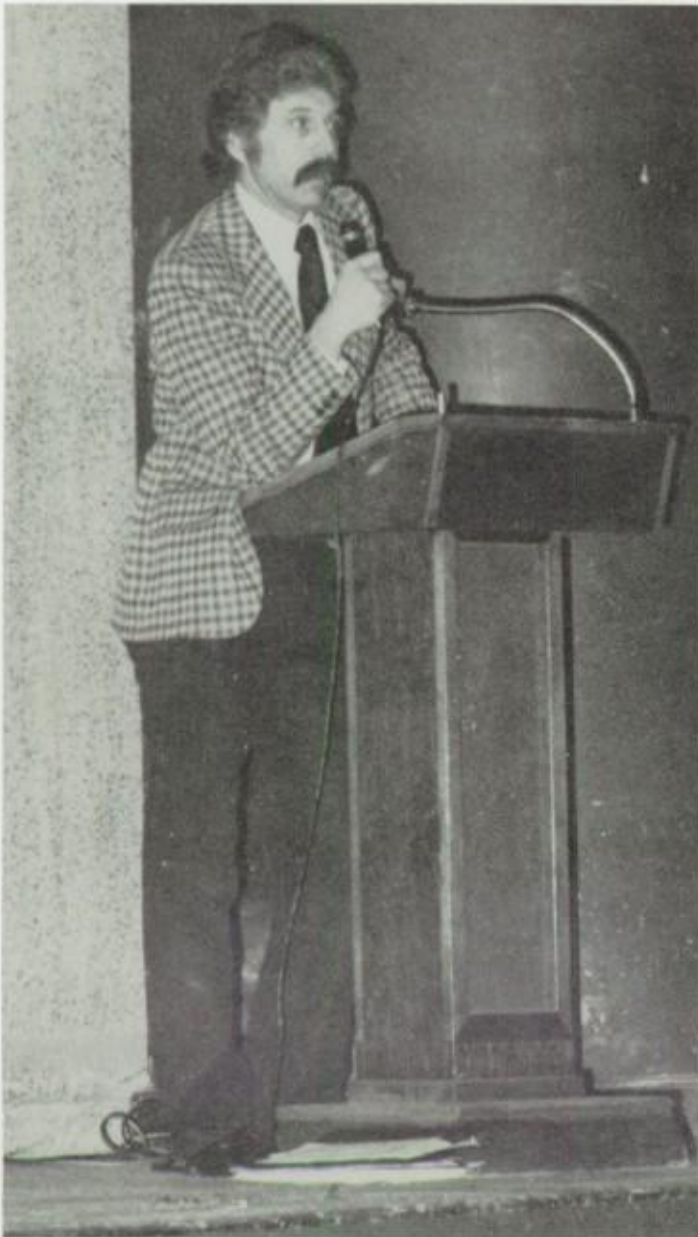
throughout the year, while Government in Action, a course explaining different forms of government, was compulsory for seniors.

Only one elective was offered, World History, which begins with the early Romans and covers the world's history up to modern times. Together, these classes combined to help students reach a higher degree of knowledge about the world around them.

The American Field Service, led by advisor Andrea McGhee and president Kathy Fernandes, hosted foreign exchange student Marianne van der

Burgh from Holland. The club's main activity was sponsoring Exchange Week, which involved organizing a dinner for the AFS clubs in Modesto. During Exchange Week another AFS student from Europe attended MHS while Marianne was at another high school.

Lois Hunnicutt, a senior at MHS, was chosen to go to Honduras over the summer, where she will live with a host family and attend school. The final event of the year was a party held by AFS and the foreign language classes at the home of Ross Lee.



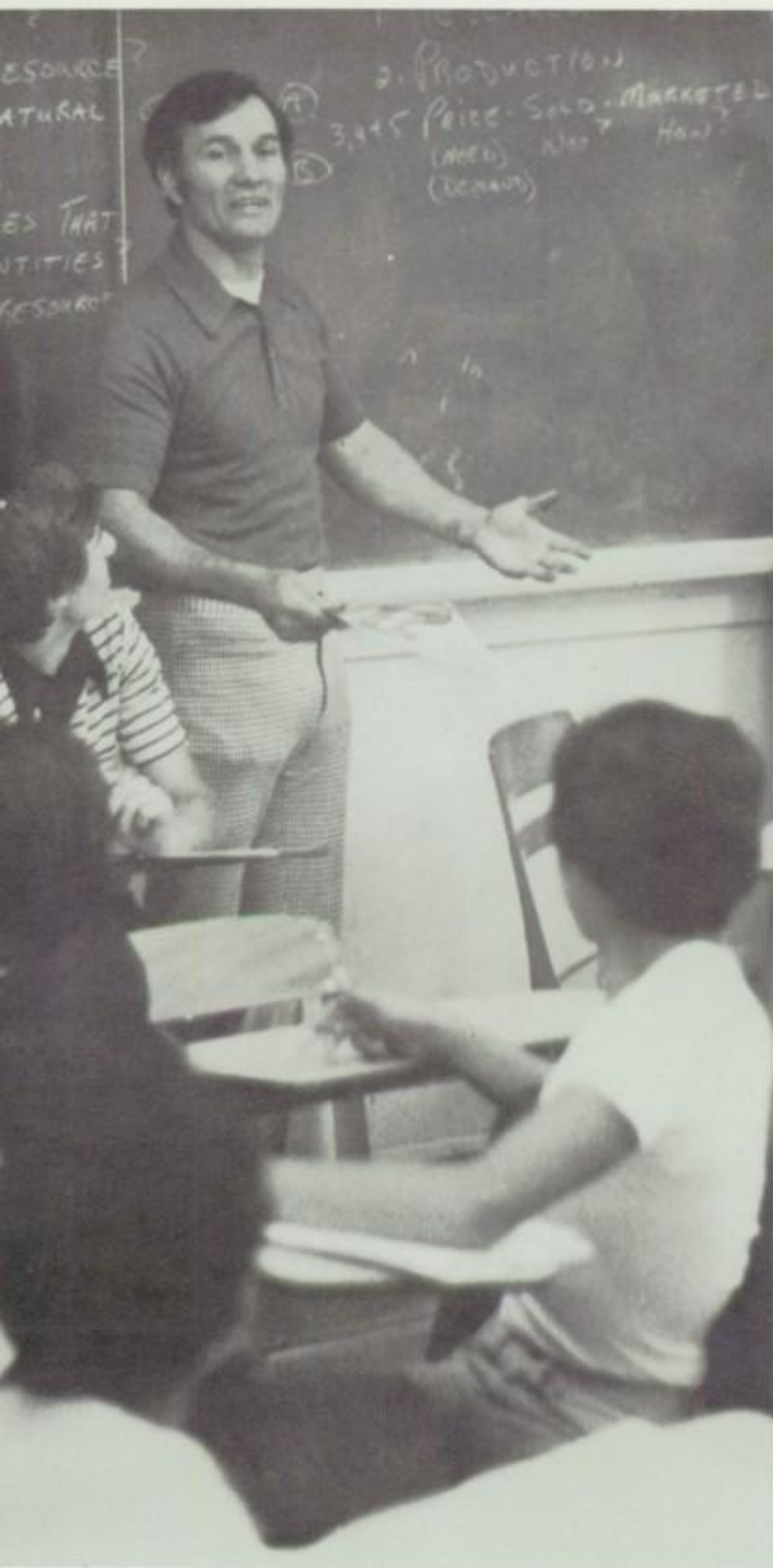
above: City Council candidate Elmo Wilson explains the sewer trunk boundaries to the government classes.

right: President Kathy Fernandes discusses funds at an AFS meeting.

center right: Darrell Boyles receives help on his history assignment from Tami Hastie as Tim Schoonover impatiently awaits her assistance.

upper right, AFS Club, front row: Kathy Fernandes, Barbara Ustick. **second row:** Lois Hunnicutt, Maria Contreras, Janise Sutton. **third row:** Kara Bentsen, Sharon Lubeck, Marianne van der Burgh, Becky Couchman.



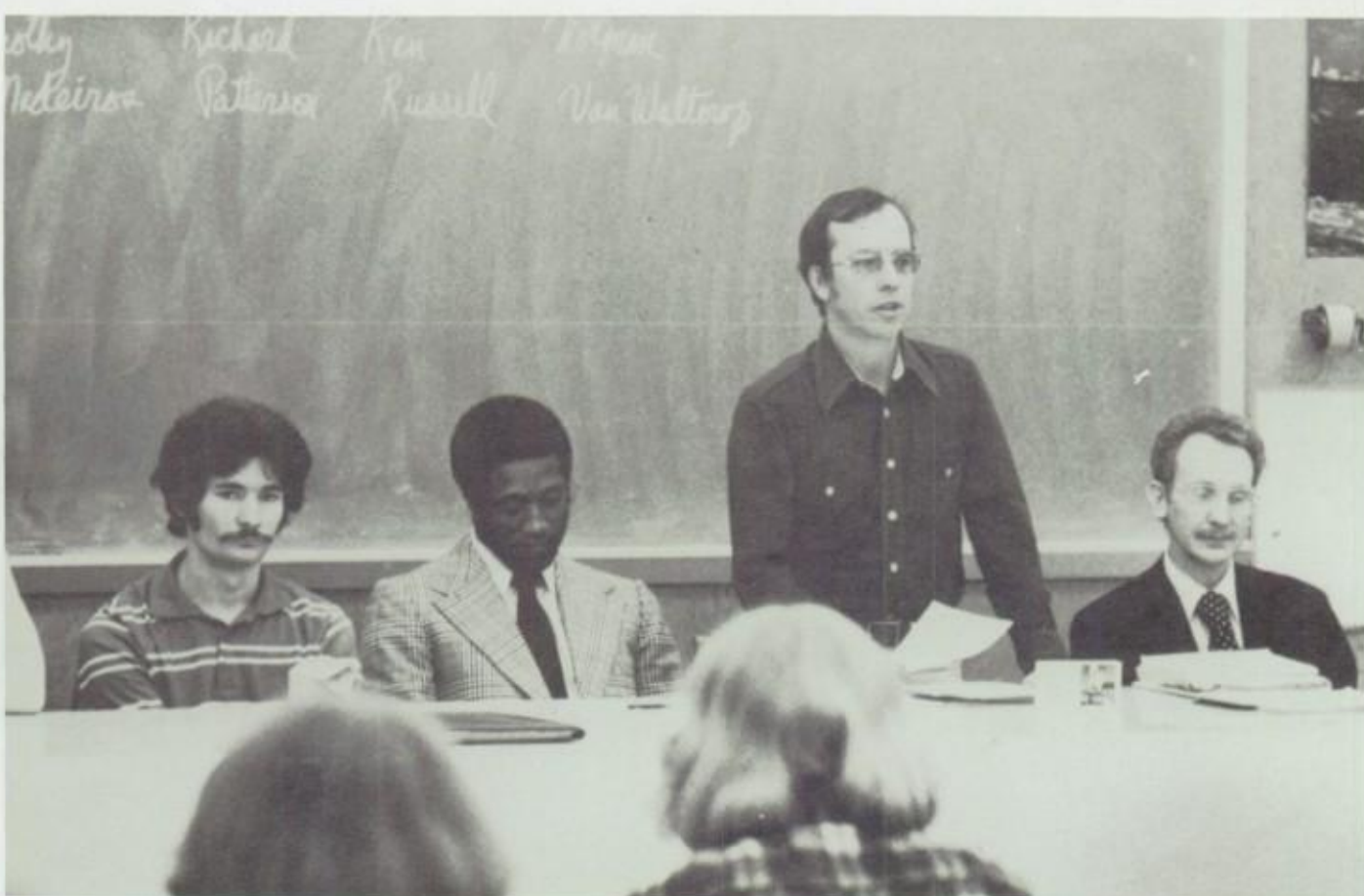


far left: Mr. Don Adams lectures his geography class on the importance of natural resources.

left: Maisie Bell rushes to finish a library assignment for government class.



above: Mr. John Whitaker shows Randy Anderson how to use the **Reader's Guide**.



left: Candidates for the school board study their speeches as Ken Russell delivers his to attentive government students.

right: Business manager John Bradford takes notes during a Student Council Meeting.

below: Mr. Tom Smith, director of student activities, announces the dates of future events to the Student Council.

lower right: Anita Menghetti calls a meeting to order while Colette Avila prepares to take the minutes.



above, Spring Commissioners, front row: Linda Isoni, Teri Powell, Anita Velo. **back row:** Lori Conrad, Deana Crook, Ruth Richards.

right, Student Council: Dell Lopez, Anna Sierra, Colette Avila, Anita Menghetti, Becky Couchman, Sue Van Duyn, John Bradford, Linda Goncalves.





left: Student Body President Anita Menghetti expresses her feelings on a controversial subject. **below, Fall Commissioners, front row:** Lori Conrad, Linda Isoni, Sandy O'Dell. **back row:** Sharon Lubeck, Lois Hunnicutt, Deana Crook, Dena Avila. **lower left:** Secretary Colette Avila reads the minutes of the previous meeting to Council members.



Year-long Student Council revises constitution under Smith's direction

Faced with the financially unstable post-Proposition 13 months along with a generally apathetic student body, Student Council managed to insure a smooth year despite several shocking waves.

With the retirement of Mr. Dave Laude last year, Mr. Tom Smith was appointed to the position of student activities director, in addition to his teaching obligations.

"I knew I had a lot to learn about being director," Mr. Smith stated about his new position. "Many people on the student council had had experience and knew what was happening on campus, which really helped me out."

Mr. Smith was aided throughout the year by Student Body President Anita Menghetti. Anita presided during the meeting of the council, which consisted of nine voting members: the president, vice president, secre-

tary, treasurer, business manager, and the representative from each class; plus seven non-voting members. These members were two rally, publicity, and elections commissioners, and one dance commissioner.

One of the most important acts of the Student Council was the revision of the constitution and by-laws for coming years, which were voted into effect by the student body in the spring. Also highlighting the year was the fact that the student council wasn't changed by an election after one semester—the council members served for the entire year. Implementing the new idea planned and approved last year, Smith found that it led to a closer-knit council and eliminated a few of the difficulties that come with the election of a completely new spring student council after the first semester.

right: Kurry Crane gets down on his electric guitar during the BSU Assembly.

below, American Indian Club, front row: Howard Cosby, Sandy Nelson, Paul Harrison. **second row:** David Sroufe, Tammy Atchison, Laurie Womack, Polly Cowing. **third row:** Hershel Moore, Maureen Reynolds, Nancy Ollis.



above, Mexican American Student Association, front row: Socorro Astorga, Anita Madrigal, Maria Sandoval, Gabi Olivas, Cynthia Lopez. **second row:** Ana Gonzalez, Eva Zavala, Lucrecia Tirado, Patricia Vera, Marilu Lopez, Blanca Ramos, Magdalena Peral, Laura Prieto. **third row:** Martha Vera, Rosalinda Genel, Lourdes Magana, Lupe Vera, Priscilla Ortega, Hortencia Sandoval, Cristina Moran, Desi Lopez, Humberto Alberto. **fourth row:** Carmen Bautista, Leonor Magana, Jose Torrez, Jose Bautista, Isaac Angel, Michael Sandoval, Sixto Porras, Pablo Villasenor, Gustavo Aguilar.

right: Alberto Velasquez portrays the Mexican stereotype of a revolutionary in a skit during the MASA Assembly.



AIC, BSU, MASA show strong programs for heritage clubs

Small but active, the American Indian Club consisted of students verified as American Indian descendants. President Paul Harrison conducted meetings during every activity period throughout the year, a claim few clubs could make.

Advisors Martha Knight and Polly Cowings organized weekly Indian culture and craft activity classes, where club members created native costumes and jewelry while learning about the diversity of their Indian heritage.

During Easter vacation, the club visited an Indian reservation, and also planned to attend a July summer session at Camp Curry in Yosemite.

The Mexican-American Student Association had the distinction of being

the only club to conduct meetings in a foreign language—Spanish. During the first semester, president Lucrecia Tirado, with help from advisor David Rancano, organized car washes and candy sales to increase MASA funds. The revenues promoted the club's main goal during the second semester: a successful Cinco de Mayo Assembly, headed by newly-elected president Jose Bautista. At the assembly, the organization proudly announced their recently chosen queen, Anita Madrigal, and her two attendants, Martha Sandoval and Amalia Perez.

Taking an active part in Modesto's city-wide celebration, MASA also entered a stunning float in the Cinco de Mayo Parade, which won a well-deserved first place while boast-

ing the MHS queens.

The Black Student Union remained active this year, and conducted several fund-raising activities. President Kurry Crane was assisted in planning these activities by the three other elected officers: vice president Maisie Bell, treasurer Lora Alexander, and secretary Leah Gullatt.

The month of February was highlighted with the Black History Month Assembly and other special activities including the presentation of the play, 'What is Black to You?' written especially for the occasion by advisor Vivian Hawkins. Early in April members attended the 6th annual BSU State Conference held in San Jose, with over 800 students attending from all over California.



above left: Desi Lopez and Miguel Sandoval try to 'get a word in' at a MASA club meeting while Humberto Alberto sits back and enjoys the conversation.

above: President Paul Harrison conducts an AIC meeting as David Sroufe looks on.

left, Black Students Union, front row: Carla Gullatt, Shawna Crane, Sarah Bland. **second row:** Lora Alexander, Joey Washington, Leah Gullatt, Maisie Bell, Ms. Vivian Hawkins. **third row:** Delores Smith, Bobbyie Waters, Kurry Crane, Vanessa Allen, Akira Bell. **fourth row:** Cecelia Parker, Mary Shaird, Rechelle Wingo, Leasia Prescott, Farina Thompson, Roddy Green.

right: Juan Gomez, Ken Hobson, and Manuel Colon skillfully sketch out imaginative pictures while sitting at a courtyard bench.

center right: Mr. Leroy Giovannoni gives one of his students advice on putting together her leather purse.

far right: Christina Browne, Shaun Brown, and Lisa McAmis sit on the edge of the art patio to sketch in perspective the buildings across the street.

lower center: Linda Vlach uses her artistic imagination while she carefully molds a ceramic cup.

below: Cindy Paulk utilizes her class time to sketch out a drawing for a wallet.



right: Mike Hatter paints his latest masterpiece, a sculpture of the newly-formed band 'Foreplay.'

center right: Cindy Boday finishes up her flower vase by adding some colorful paint to the finish.

far right: Michelle Hunstable adds one last touch to her painting.





below, Art Club, front row: Joe Juarez, Alfredo Souza, Carla Hunstable, James Monk, Velton Rogers. second row: Maria Salinas, Scott James, Diana Colon, Michelle Hunstable, Diana Cavazos, Steve Ramos. third row: Mrs. Phyllis Boteler, Steve Garcia, Mike McCombs, Jorge Hayes, Esther Florez, Randy Park, Mr. Jim Shuman. fourth row: Joe Luis Montalbo, David Cacho, Claudell Spivey, Jose Bautista, Derek Shuman, Steve Bertozzi.

Art offerings varied to please all

Offered a variety of art classes, students were given the opportunity to express their creativity. The classes encouraged students to strive for originality, while using their imaginations and inventiveness to create art, an extension of their personalities. Ceramics was the most popular class; other craft classes included sculpture and leathercraft. Last year the jewelry class was combined with a ceramics class, but this year the class had to be omitted completely, since jewelry making was an expensive class, with the tools, metals, and stones all requiring funds that didn't exist anymore.

Art I and Art II were the prerequisites for students interested in taking advanced art classes. Commercial art was offered for students pondering advertising as a career. The class involved pinstriping, airbrush painting, and pen and ink work. Students in the drawing and paint-

ing class worked extensively with acrylics, oils, and watercolors.

MHS art work displayed at the school and at the third annual high school art competition at Cal State Stanislaus, as well as other locations, brought recognition to many students; Cal State awarded prizes to fourteen students, including firsts in photography and drawing.

The major part of the Art Club this year was comprised of advanced art students from drawing and painting and ceramics classes. Photography Students accounted for the remainder of the club's membership.

The club raised funds by continuing to operate popcorn concessions at football games. Annually awarding scholarships to graduating art majors in June, the Art Club honors students planning to continue the development of their artistic talent and education.

Vocal music soars with return of Covert and Clark



Both of Modesto High's vocal groups, Concert Choir and Ensembles, were kept busy performing at various musical events. The vocalists participated in the All-City Sing, the Twilight Musicales, the County Festival, and a Spring Concert. They also performed at the MHS Open House and at Mark Twain Junior High School.

The All-City Sing, a fall festival and the first performance of the year, was participated in by all four high school choirs, Modesto Junior College, and other college choirs. The groups performed for each other, and then performed a selection altogether.

The Twilight Musicales, the annual Christmas Concert given by the combined choir, ensembles, and orchestra, has been a tradition in

Modesto for over forty years. Because of the flu epidemic that struck in December, not enough students were available to perform an Assembly for the student body, although it had been performed earlier for the public.

The County Festival performance was given by participating high school choirs from throughout Stanislaus County under the direction of guest conductor Mrs. Ginger Covert, a former MHS choral director and music department chairman, who is now working on her doctorate in Illinois, after having taught at the college level for several years.

In addition to performing for churches and civic organizations, the twelve members of Madrigals also presented their own concert at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in May.



upper left: Ensembles singers Ruth Richards and Lori Conrad perform at the Spring Concert.

upper right: Practicing for the County Music Festival, altos Marilyn Driver and Connie Basore concentrate on a difficult piece of harmonization.

above: MHS students and area high school students sing together at the County Music Festival, held at the Davis High School Girls Gymn.



left, Concert Choir, front row: Kristina Gali, Dee Gilbert, Susan Bauman, Connie Basore, Ray Gutierrez, Eddie Armstrong, Fred Osborne, Michelle Norleen, Michelle Lindsay, Marci Dunlap. **second row:** Angie Rangel, Ruth Martin, Anita Velo, Luis Gutierrez, Derek Shuman, Robert Merenda, Peggy Piazza, Angie Baker, Nita House, Becky Wing. **third row:** Rena Meeks, Ruth Richards, Lori Conrad, Tommy Sharp, James Wood, Lance Sumpter, Sheila Anderson, Sherrie Burrow, Cindy Wheaton. **fourth row:** Marjorie Boone, Nolanda Alexander, Vicki Burris, Vi Jackson, Claudell Spivey, Teri Garcia, Trissia Sharrit, Nina Satriles, Becky Couchman.



center left: Guest director Mrs. Ginger Covert conducts vocalists at the Stanislaus County Music Festival.

above, Ensembles, front row: Luis Guiterrez, Lori Conrad, Ray Gutierrez. **second row:** James Wood, Becky Couchman, Derek Shuman. **third row:** Robert Merenda, Ruth Richards, Vi Jackson, Claudell Spivey. **fourth row:** Nina Satriles, Teri Garcia.

left: Vocal music instructor Mr. Dennis Clark directs the Concert Choir at the Spring Concert.



Instrumental musicians choose from variety of groups, styles to perform

Comprised of eager students interested in music and willing to devote their own free time to practice, the quality of the MHS music program reflected the time and effort put into each class.

The Jazz Band became a regular class this year, with students attending every sixth period. The band appeared at a variety of functions throughout the year, including the All-City Jazz Festival and a spring concert held in conjunction with the vocal music department.

Led by student director Debbie Moe, the Pep Band continued to provide unlimited music for rallies, football, and basketball games. Their bizarre antics, such as the time band members wore paper bags over

their heads and billed themselves as the 'Unknown Pep Band,' and the popular songs they played, made them a notorious organization. The band is unique as being an entirely student-run group. They remained the only part of the instrumental music program which was completely extra-curricular.

This year the MHS Orchestra completed its 66th year of performing. Director Rick Paderas conducted several individual practice sessions for students needing extra help, as well as teaching the regular orchestra class, which was held during lunch period three days a week. Even though enrollment was down to 27 students, the orchestra still offered an excellent quality of music.

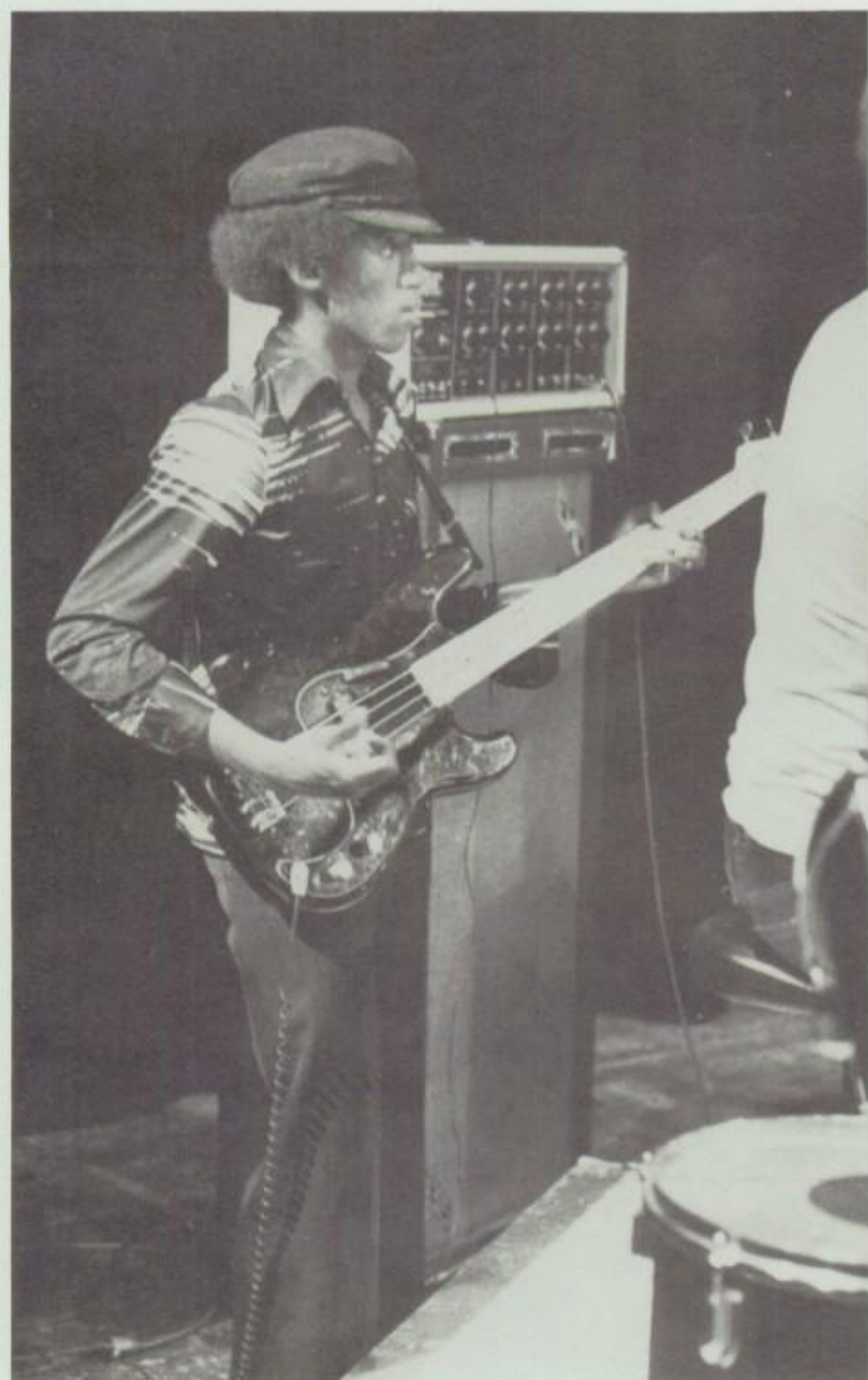


above, MHS Orchestra, front row: Norma Zavala, Lee Wong, Tim Simmons, Kelli Brown, Verna Chalk, Richard Kelly, Mike Clark. second row: Sandy Lubeck, Vincent Aflague, Tom Valin, Greg Cooper, Nanci Wong, Selena Nash, Karen Walker, Carolyn Teixeira, Roxanne Jimenez. third row: Nathaniel White, Curtis Escobar, Jeff Vail, Rolando Meeks, Kurry Crane, Eddie Armstrong, Mr. Rick Paderas.



left: Morris Williams keeps the beat steady during the Jazz Band Concert.
below: Trumpeters Rolando Meeks, Chris Stambaugh, Julia Bland and Jeff

Azevedo wait for their music cue as David Gilbert plays a trombone solo at the Jazz Band Concert.



above: Jeff Vail puts his last ounce of energy into playing the trumpet, while Roxanne Jimenez holds Vince Aflague's music during a spring rally.

left: Kurry Crane strikes the final note of the 'Stevie Wonder Medley' on his bass guitar.

center left: Debra Lyles plays the alto saxophone part for 'Rocky' as Susan Adams concentrates on the rally.

far left: Don Boucher simultaneously reads his music and plays the tuba as the Pep Band performs for a varsity basketball game.

Panther band marches into top ranks with ten firsts, two sweepstakes

Executing precise marching and maneuvering techniques, while providing exhilarating music and crowd-contagious spirit, the Modesto High School Marching Band and Color Guard completed another highly successful and satisfying year of competition.

Under the direction of Gary Runsten, Drum Major Becky Couchman, and Color Guard Captain Linda Isoni, the band took numerous top honors during fall competitions and throughout the year. The awards received by the band and color guard included five third-place awards, eleven seconds, ten firsts, and two sweepstakes trophies, making them one of

the top competitive marching bands in California.

Ms. Toni Ferrera donated many hours to the Winter Guard, a competitive group consisting of twelve members bearing flags and six with rifles. Proving herself an asset by the success of the group, she became color guard instructor in the spring.

With extensive past experience, Tom Wuetrich, a past band instructor and national band judge, became an important part of the band as a marching consultant. These two new band instructors helped enormously this year in assisting director Runsten perfect the band and color guard.



upper left: The Marching Band and Color Guard line up to perform their half-time show.

right: Anna Sierra concentrates to perfect her performance during parade competition.

above: Jeff Cagle, Barbette Tademy, and Vince Aflague stand at attention during the half-time performance.





far left: The Modesto High School Marching Panthers ID unit marches proudly in the Marching Band Revue.
left: John Bettencourt, Kurt Zellman, and Rex Duke keep up with the beat of the music while marching in parade competition.
below: While waiting for the signal to move out, Carol Sherman practices the parade rifle routine.



upper center: Performing their Mellophone duet, Curtis Escobar and Lynn Moore are highlighted by a color guard semi-circle.
above: The national party stands proud and tall holding the California and American flags during the senior night half-time show.
left: Chris Stambaugh holds the ending pose after 'Hava Nagila.'



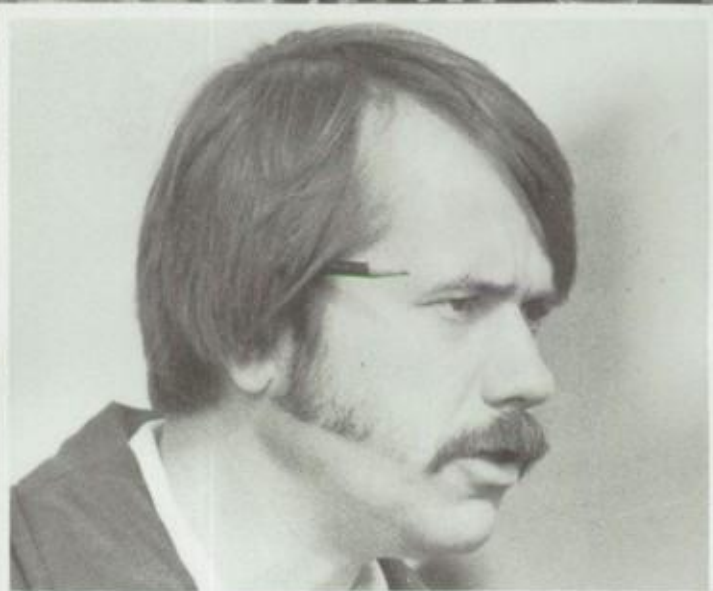
Trip to Six Flags pays off big: brings home first and second awards

A group with aspirations to achieve high goals and make themselves known, the band decided to attend the Six Flags Music Festival competition in Dallas, Texas, during the spring. Last year's trip was to Canada, and band members hoped intensely to out-do their extraordinary performance.

Preparing for the trip required numerous hours of planning, hard hours of practice, and never-ending fund-raising activities. Members conducted such money-making projects as a pancake breakfast, spaghetti dinner, walk-a-thon, and stuffed animal sale, to name a few.

At the end of April, after accumulating with difficulty the 36 thousand dollars needed for the trip, the band departed by plane for the long-awaited destination, anticipating a repeat performance of past successes.

All of the time and effort put into the trip seemed to pay off for the eager MHS band members, for the band placed second overall with the color guard placing first in competition. Meeting many new people and seeing different sights made the trip an exciting and memorable experience.

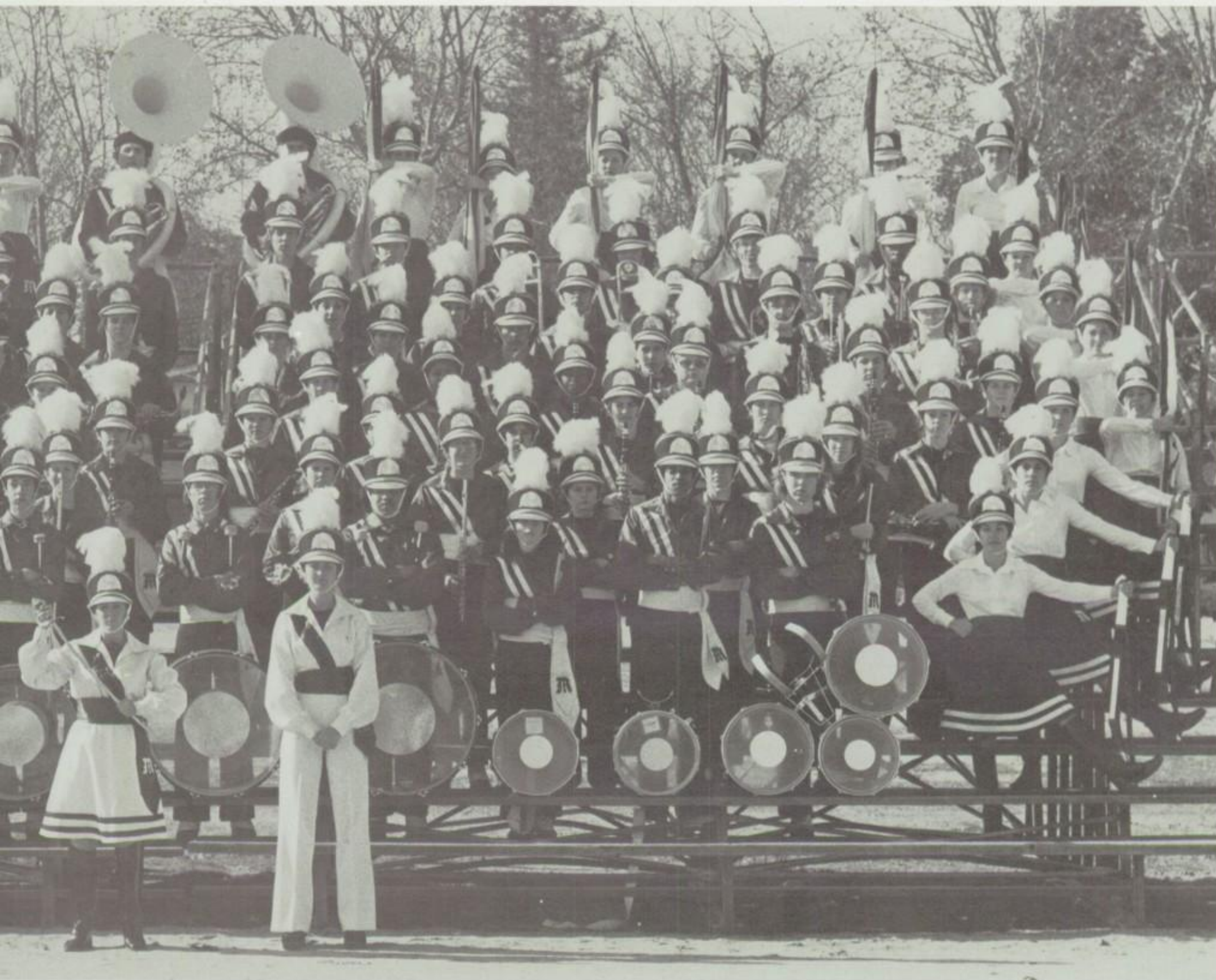


above: While forming a circle, the brass and wind sections play the stunning song 'Hava Nagila.'

upper center: Director Gary Runsten gives the band members advice with his sincere concern.

right: The Color Guard shows off its award-winning pose.
center right: Drum Major Rebecca Couchman displays 'Panther Pride.'

far right: Color Guard Captain Linda Isoni poses proudly with her saber.



above, MHS Marching Band and Color Guard, front: Linda Isoni, Becky Couchman. **first row:** Susan Adams, Gene Ballentine, Steve Bertozzi, Kevin Stambaugh, Kurt Zellman, John Bettencourt, Albert Perez, Kathy Fernandes, Morris Williams, Rex Duke, Terri Layton. **second row:** Roxanne Jimenez, Eddie Buantello, Pete Adams, Cynthia Smith, Debbie Langerman, Lesa Kershaw, Diane Grady, Carie Hampton, Ramona Goodloe, Raymond Bettencourt, Ruth Anne Walker, Dena Avila. **third row:** Debbie Stroud, Debbie Sheppard, Lisa Simental, Cynthia Pate, Carolyn Hurst, Priscilla Gomez, Pam Short, Debbie Phillips, Carol Johnson, Becky Cloud, Maria Linares, Michelle Curci, Jamie Zumbach, Peggy Palmer, Carol Sherman. **fourth row:** Xochitl Covarrubias, Jessica King, Edie Lau, Dawn Christensen, Robin Walker, Stephanie McGrath, Rena Meeks, Janice Brown, Chris Boday, Paul Menghetti, Sherril Sather, Lisa White. **fifth row:** Rene Walker, Clay Butler, Tom Cantrell, Martin Dieu, Richard Cloud, John Brughelli, Dwight Hunnicutt, Cindy Boday, Suzanne Crum, Danny Long, Regina Avila, John Christopherson, Debra Lyles, Gwendy Hurst. **sixth row:** Irene Spani, Joel Tejada, Chris Stambaugh, Rolando Meeks, Mike McGrath, Jeff Azevedo, Lee Wong, Debbie Moe, Lorraine Rosa, Robert Madrigal, Glenn Potts, Julia Bland, Steve Sather, Jessica Potts. **seventh row:** Barbara Ustick, Nathaniel White, Curtis Escobar, Jeff Vail, Doug Gibson, Steve Escobar, Alan Weststeyn, Jeff Cagle, Barbette Tademy, Vince Aflague, Terry Epperson, Tom Sharp, Linda Ott. **eighth row:** Dee Gilbert, Yolanda Gracia, Tina Hammond, Karol Corgiat, Penny Todaro, Terri Carlton, George Stinnett, Don Boucher, Laure Bradford, Susan Haggard, Karen Fernandes, Sharon Bertozzi, Jeanette Stinnett, Ursula Spani.

French, German clubs aid foreign language program with variety of extra-curricular projects

Although the Spanish classes continued to attract the majority of students interested in a foreign language, many also enrolled in French and German. Encouraged to join the French or German Clubs, students were given the opportunity to widen their knowledge and gain new insights into the customs and life-styles of people in a foreign country.

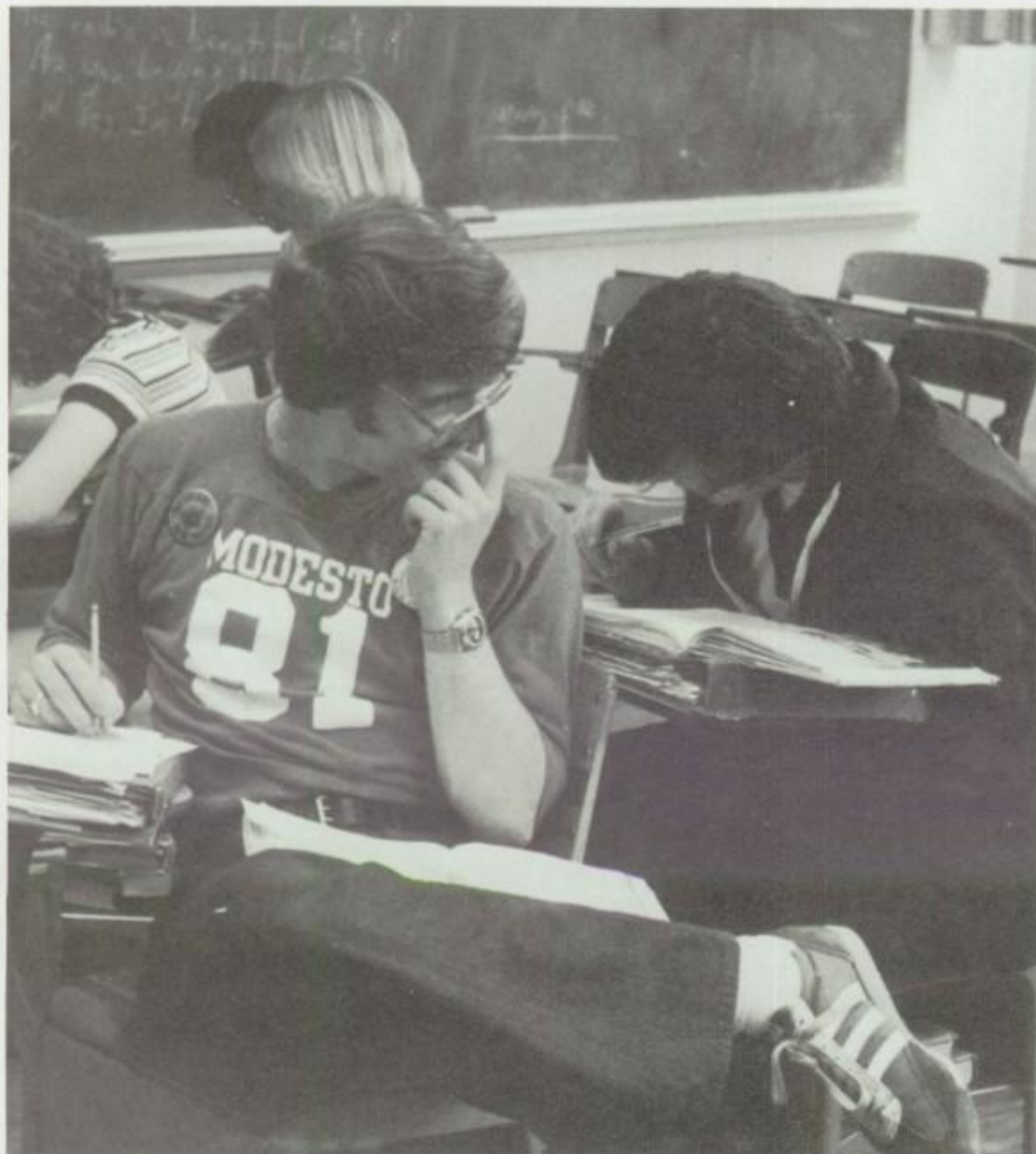
With the aid of advisor Judy Remmers, the French Club raised funds by selling Spook-O-Grams at Halloween, helping to finance a field trip to San Francisco in May.

Due to an epidemic of Russian Flu in December, the annual Christmas potluck dinner, in which club members, along with the AFS Club,

prepare French and German dishes, was postponed indefinitely, and was never rescheduled.

Lacking funds for a Monterey field trip, the German Club, led by advisor Maridale Smith, combined their efforts with the AFS Club and planned a dinner in May. The Club also hoped to dine at a German restaurant before the end of the school year.

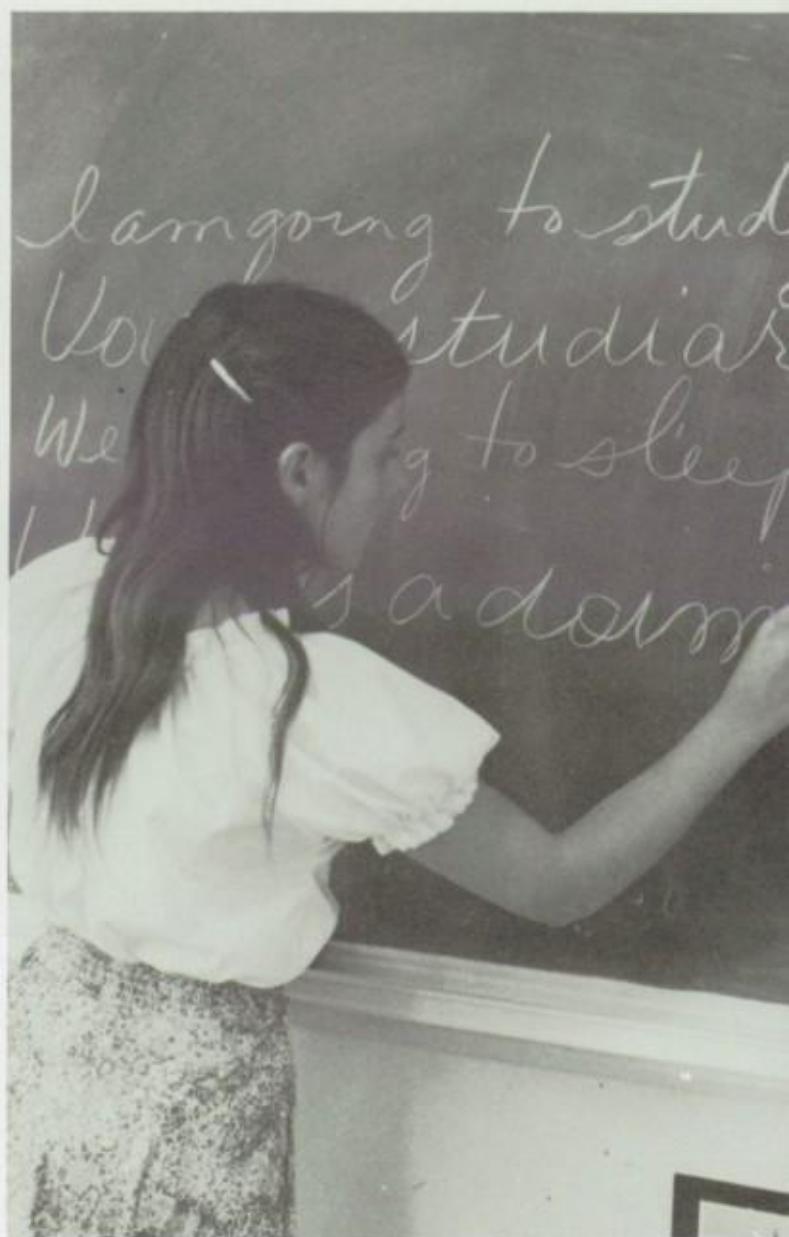
Providing students with a chance to learn, through activities, dinners, and field trips, about the fascinating European cultures of France and Germany, the clubs offered invaluable opportunities while hopefully sparking an interest in students' future traveling opportunities.

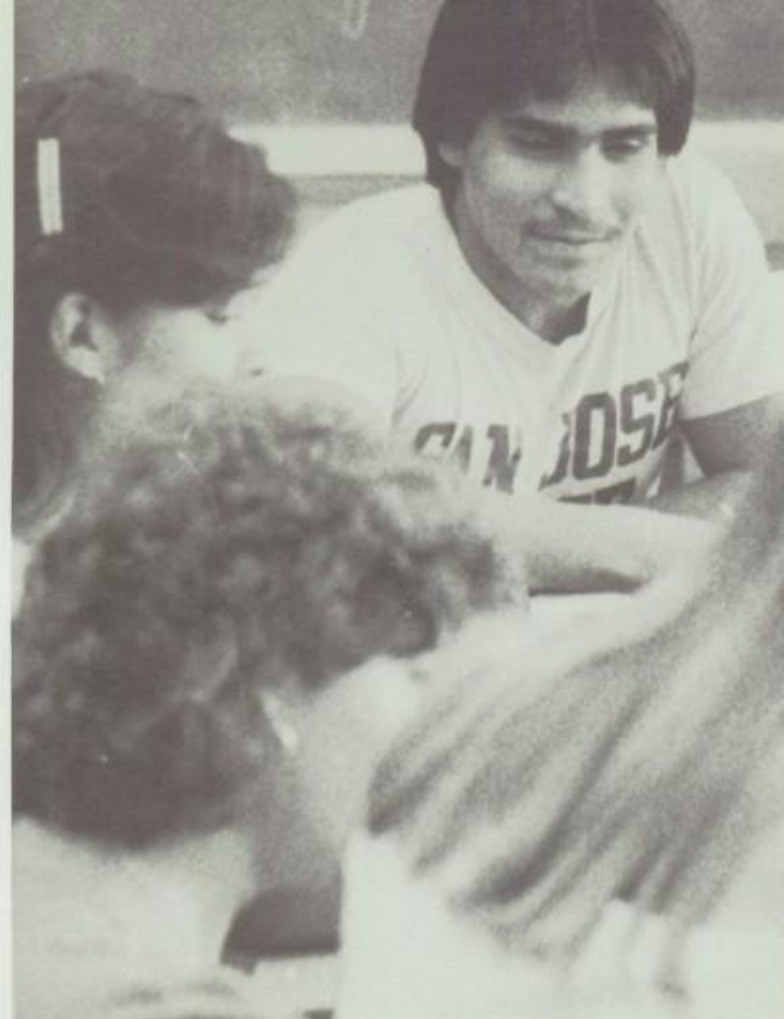


above: As Dale Kuykendall studies intensely, Tom Vallin checks out his answers to assure a passing grade in German.

upper right: French students Christina Moran, Martha Vera, Diane Martin and Maria Linhares listen intently as instructor Mrs. Judy Remmers explains the homework assignment.

right: Freshman Verna Chalk works on translating English to Spanish on the chalkboard.

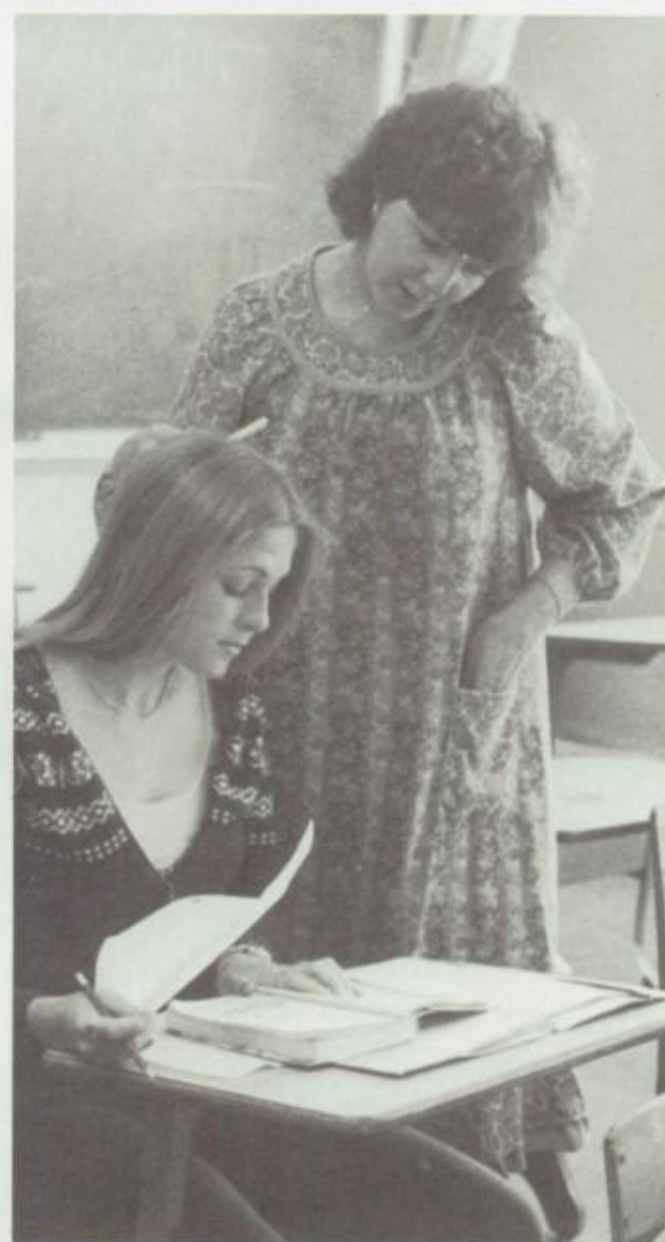




left: Jose Torrez and Aninta Madrigal listen as instructor Mrs. Andrea McGhee explains the rules to a Spanish-oriented game.

below, French Club, front row: Martha Vera, Maria Linhares, Edie Lau, Maureen Simpson. **second row:** Cindy Reusch, Cristina Moran, Patricia Vera, Judy Remmers, Laure Bradford, Mauricio Vera. **third row:** Diane Martin, Andrea Heersink, Paul Harrison, Dell Lopez.

lower center: Instructor Mrs. Maridale Smith drills Cyndi Ott and other students on their pronunciation in German.



above: Foreign Language Department chairman Andrea McGhee aids Debbie Gamble on her Spanish lesson.

left, German Club, front row: Tammy Atchison, Jay Batterson, Gabi Olivas, Kathy Fernandes, Ursula Spani. **second row:** Tom Vallin, Ponci Madrigal, Dale Kuykendall, Jessica King, Maridale Smith.



right: Senior Linda Isoni completes a difficult final assignment in Model Office.

below, Business Club, front row: Kay Petty, Linda Isoni, Tracy Swartz, Donna Payne, Kelli Santos. **second row:** Rosario Lopez, Angie Rangel, Kevin Cisco, Rosa Alvarez. **third row:** Robert Merenda, John Bradford, Maria Alvarado, Andy Klink, Teri Powell, Lynn Adkins.

lower center: Donna Sangster figures her income taxes with help from a complex calculating machine.



Business classes remain popular with students as foundation for later life

Offering eleven courses staffed with only five teachers, the Business Department had its hands full all year. A few of the classes included model office, bookkeeping, business law, typing, consumer awareness, and reprographics.

Due to the new graduation requirements, most elective classes suffered large drops in enrollment. This didn't affect the Business Department, where enrollment remained nearly the same as last year. At least for this year, the Business Department seemed to 'avoid the ax' of Proposition 13-originated reductions and eliminations, according to chairman Mrs. Ailene Campbell.

When seeking employment, students find the business classes they've taken very beneficial, and often make the difference in getting the

job. "Certain classes in the Business Department," state Mrs. Campbell, "would be helpful to everyone."

Business law and consumer awareness can educate the average person on consumer problems confronted later in life, such as a contract to buy, lease or rent a car or house.

Selling cotton candy at home football games, holding a car wash, making and selling 1979 calendars to the student body, doing professional printing projects, and raising money for a well-deserved trip to Marriott's in May were the main fund-raisers of the active Business Club. Advised by Ms. Marilee Abercrombie, the club attracted students wishing to apply their business knowledge to gain invaluable experience.





left: For a special assignment, Mary Rathbun displays skillful handling of the offset press.
below: Vicki Burkes, Suzanne Crum, and Edie Lau concentrate on increasing their wpm speed in a beginning typing class.



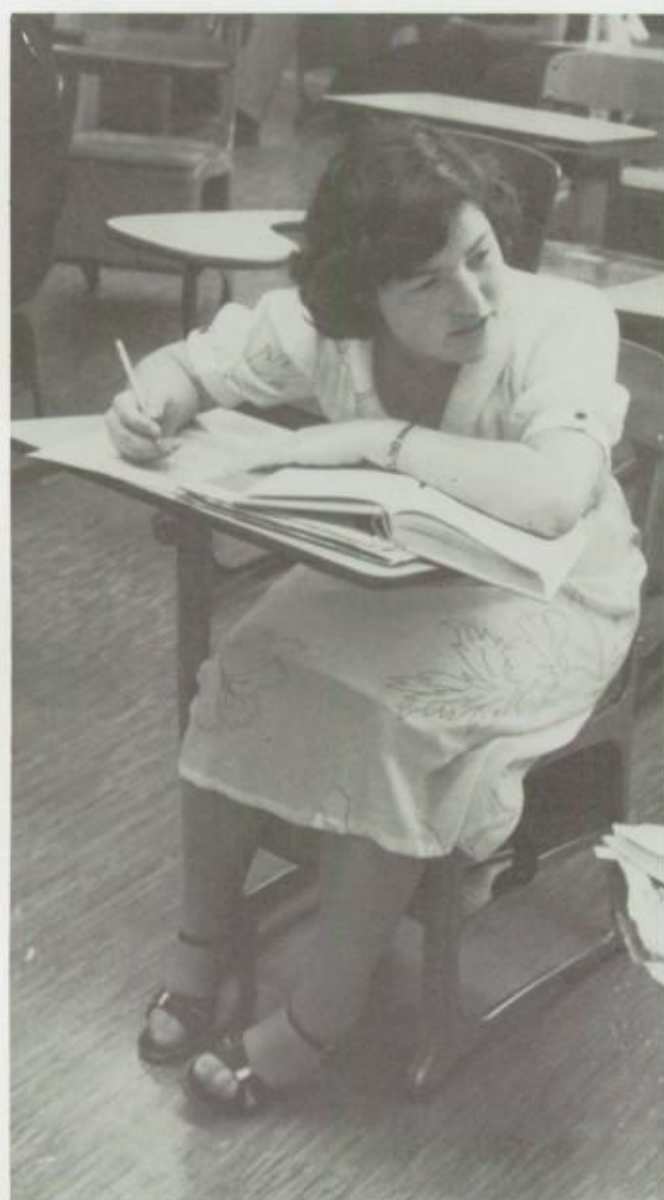
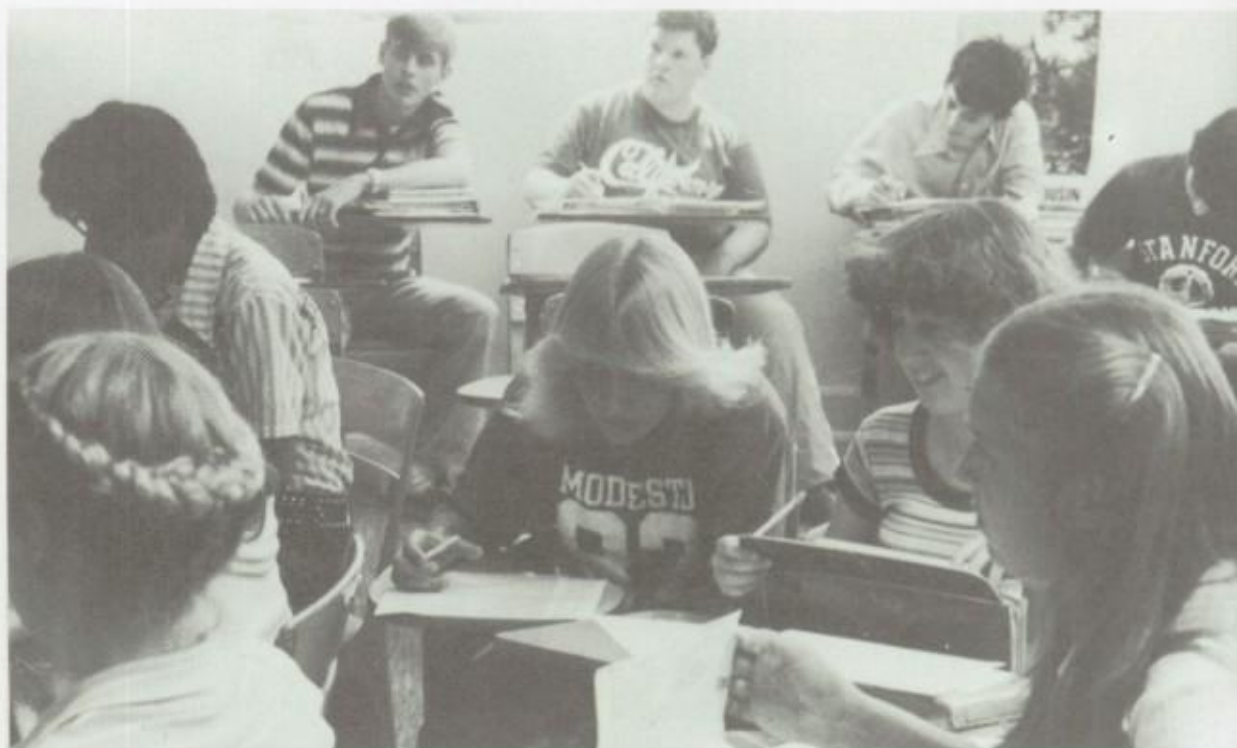
above: A bewildered Cecilia Parker stares awe-struck at her teacher's heavy assignment while Gina Salinas digs in.
left: Linda Ensslin and Linda Deering rapidly finish their assignments with intense concentration.
far left: Business Club president John Bradford waits impatiently for Mrs. Marilee Abercrombie to apply her advisor's signature to the purchase order form he has just filled out.

right: Freshmen math students congregate to complete their assignment during class time.

lower center: Mr. Louie Lacoste explains a problem to fourth period pre-algebra student Juan Garcia.

opposite page, center: Advanced math students struggle to complete the MAA test, given in the cafeteria during March.

opposite page, upper right: Mrs. Diane Dinsmore assists Colette Avila with an advanced algebra problem.



above: Gabi Olivas checks her answer with her neighbor's in algebra class.

right: Mrs. Diane Dinsmore goes over Roxanne Jimenez's geometry proof to show her where the mistake is.



Math Department expands with 13 sections of Basic Math; advanced offerings remain popular with college-bound

Attempting to prepare students for the perplexing conditions of everyday life, the MHS Math Department offered courses for all abilities and interests. Courses ranged from special help programs offered through Title I classes and 13 new sections of basic math to advanced classes such as calculus, trigonometry, analysis, and computer math. These courses were aimed at students choosing to broaden their knowledge and prepare themselves for college.

The first annual Math Superbowl in Stanislaus County for high school students was held in March at Cal State Stanislaus. MHS sent two teams consist-

ing of five students each. The teams competed in groups representing their school, and in individual competition according to grade level. One participant commented, "Although we didn't receive any awards for MHS, we gained invaluable experience. Next year we're sure to come home with some awards."

Again this year the MAA (Mathematics Association of America) test was offered to advanced math students, including promising freshmen and sophomores. Students who achieved high scores on the test became eligible to take other tests and to compete for math scholarships and awards.

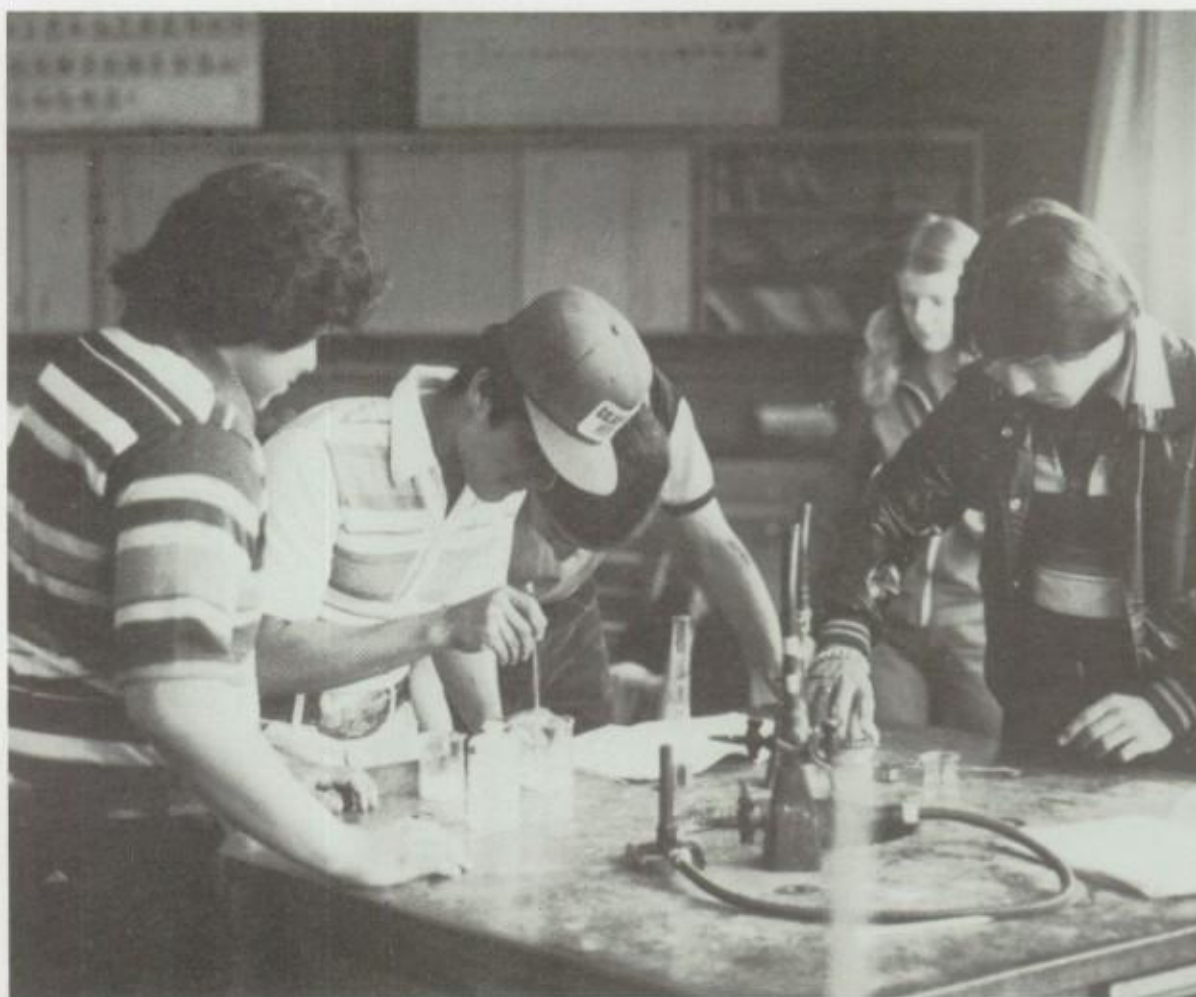


above: Debbie Limardo looks over the homework assignment before tackling the first problem.

left, Math Superbowl Representatives, front row: Loren Boone, John Brughelli, Becky Couchman, Mauricio Vera. **second row:** Jeff Azevedo, Sherril Sather, Alan Weststeyn, Martha Vera, Chris Boday, Bob Silva.



right: While Albert Perez, Robert Madrigal, Ed Buantello and Vince Aflague strive to identify an element they formed in Chemistry, Tammy Atchison comes to their assistance.
lower right: Rhett Calkins concentrates on a physics experiment.
below: Kathy Fernandes explains the process of chromatography to a confused Diane Martin.



right, Chess Club, seated: Dell Lopez, Paul Klink.
standing: Miguel Arrizon, Tom Vallin, Loren Boone, Joel Tejada, Dale Kuykendall, Jeff Fletcher, Mr. Manuel Gonsalves.





Curiosity satisfied by scientific investigation; Chess Club falters

Gaining insight into many scientific concepts and principles, interested students in the life science, health ed, biology, physics, chemistry, and physical science classes expanded their knowledge and satisfied their curiosity. Encouraged by their science teachers, students became increasingly aware of simple scientific phenomena often overlooked by many.

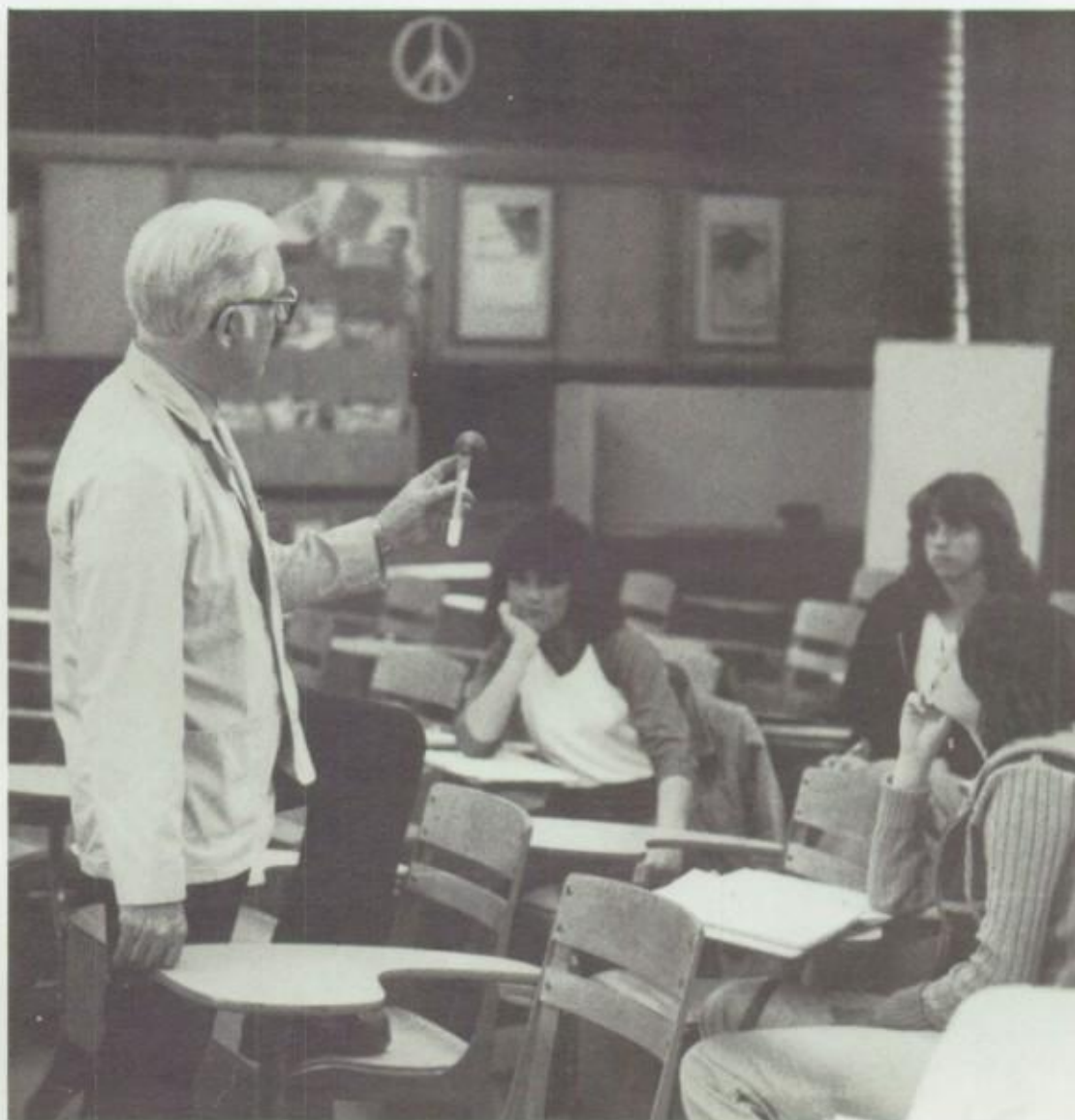
Meeting the graduation requirements, juniors took the mandatory science test comprised of questions dealing with simple biology, the metric system, and basic life functions. Given in March, students met in the cafeteria for one period, also taking the required health test which contained material covered in the health ed classes they had taken as sophomores.

Department chairman Odell Scott

again disguised himself as noted scientists and science pioneers from the past to aid his classes in acquiring a greater understanding of scientific methods and important discoveries. He, in addition to the other four science teachers, continued to provide interesting and worthwhile classes to students aiming for a science career or simply looking for answers.

Participating in only two tournaments this year, the Chess Club endured an apathetic season, their single victory coming in a match against Turlock. The team, co-advised by Manuel Gonsalves and Tyron Farley, had only ten active members.

Chess Club president Dell Lopez stated, "The season wasn't as successful as usual, and the members didn't practice much, but I feel we did well under the circumstances."



upper left: A mesmerized Curtis Escobar studies a chemical reaction in Advanced Biology.
above: Mr. Odell Scott demonstrates a chemical process to enthralled students Florie Galhandro, Francie Passalacqua, and Jeri Hunstable.
left: Science Department aide Steve Wilson cautiously sets fire to a hydrogen bubble.

FFA provides leadership, assistance, instruction for students involved in variety of agricultural projects

The MHS Agriculture Department offered science and mechanics courses to all students interested in the field, beginning with introductory courses and moving to advanced. Besides classroom work, students were given the opportunity to join the Future Farmers of America, a club where they could apply the principles learned from classwork to individual projects. Students were elected to officers' positions and committee chairmen, with others volunteering to help at barbecues, banquets, the pancake breakfast, and the jitney dinner.

The active club members' projects

were judged at various college campuses, the Cow Palace, and the Stanislaus County and State Fairs.

Modesto High's FFA chapter held monthly meetings for recreation plus many extra happenings. It stressed the development of agriculture and related skills through its members.

Preparing students for careers in agriculture, instructors worked closely with club members on home-based projects. Mr. Tom Smith, advisor and ag teacher, concluded, "The agriculture area on campus is a busy place to be, and students can benefit by taking ag classes."



upper right: Randy Terra skillfully smooths the welds with an electric grinder to give his almond buggy a professional look.

center right: Steve McManis concentrates on doing his half of the duty in the log sawing contest during FFA Week.

above, Jr-Sr. FFA, front row: Randy Terra, Melvin Lemos, Desi Angle, Shannon Watson, Marlene Avila, Kathy Fultz. **second row:** Robert Salsi, David Stein, Ron Terra, Joe Brasil, Ross Lee, Michelle Wright, Sandra O'Dell. **third row:** Gary Fernandes, Frank Gwerder, Bill Strohm, Steve Babb, Dan VanWert, Paul Spani. **fourth row:** Albert Coito, Robert Soares, Arnold Fidalgo, Ron McManis, Larry Mendonza, Fred Omlin, Tony Van Oostende.

right, Frosh-Soph FFA, front row: Doug Wheeler, Rich Fultz, Ernie Louis, Kurt Zellman. **second row:** Julie Mattox, John Verissimo, Randy White. **third row:** Steve McManis, Clem Ott, Steve Anderson, Jess Coronado.





far left: During FFA Week, hay buckers Arnold Fidalgo and Ross Lee combine their efforts against the clock.

left: For a project of the soil and plant science class, FFA advisor Mr. Tom Smith and Kurt Zellman plant a vegetable garden.

below: George Soares attempts to single-handedly lift a bale onto the truck.



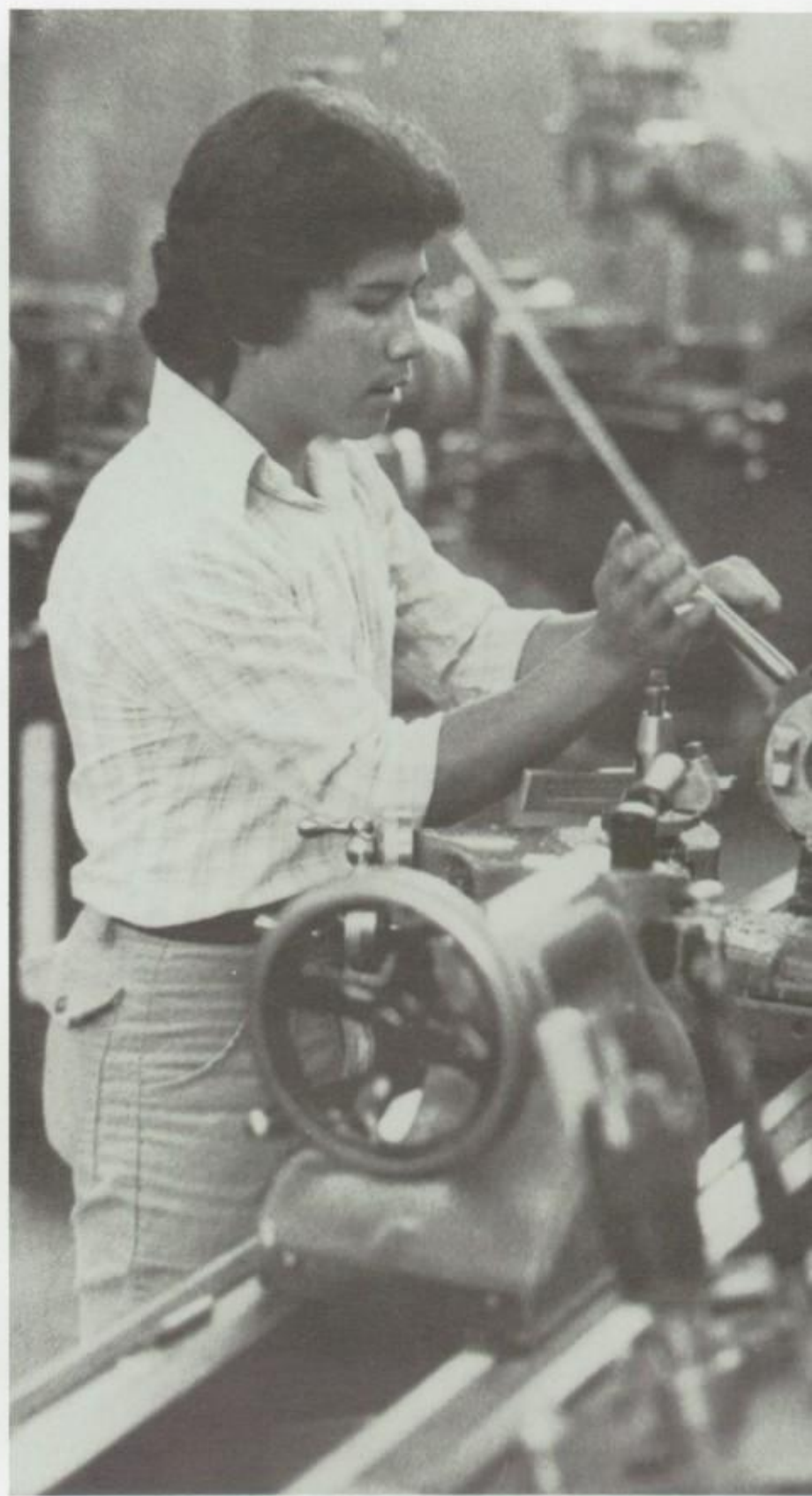
center left: Determined to win the log sawing contest, Keith Watts and George Soares strive for the best possible time.

left: Mr. Loren Nyman lectures to his animal husbandry class as Mike Bizzini and Melvin Lemos take notes.

lower left: At the FFA Jitney Dinner and Cake Auction, Bob Breazeale, Steve Babb, Robert Soares, Ross Lee, Tom Ott, and Desi Angle present Mr. Ogburne as the honorary chapter farmer.



right: Esteban Escamilla adjusts the lathe in metal shop before he starts his project.
below: Charles Houser, Noel Phelps, and Dennis England carefully watch Mr. Willard Ripley as he demonstrates the principles of a carburetor in the beginning auto class.



above: Tony Franco cuts out a stencil pattern in Graphic Arts.

right, VICA, front row: Ron Belcher, Harry Kumar, Fred Osborne, Susie Oliver, Stephen Escobar. **second row:** Mr. Willard Ripley, Mr. L. A. Hines, Jim Thomas, David Thomason, Sam Abid.



Learning a trade or improving hobby skills, students acquire knowledge of industrial arts; VICA members provide assistance

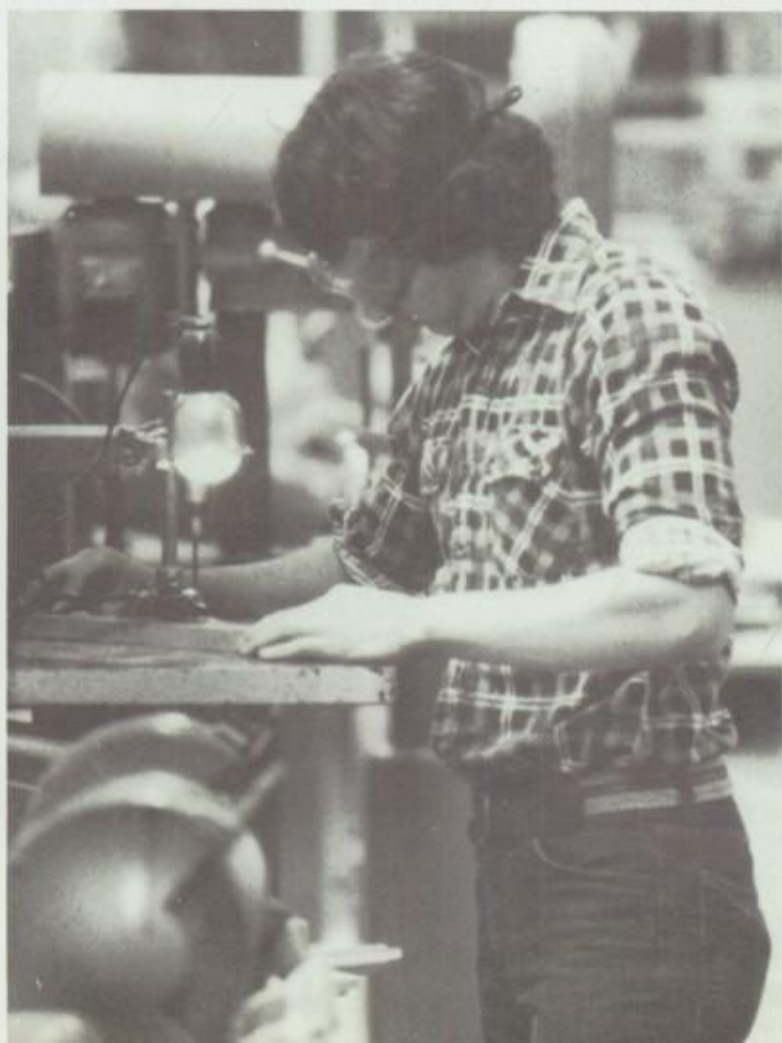
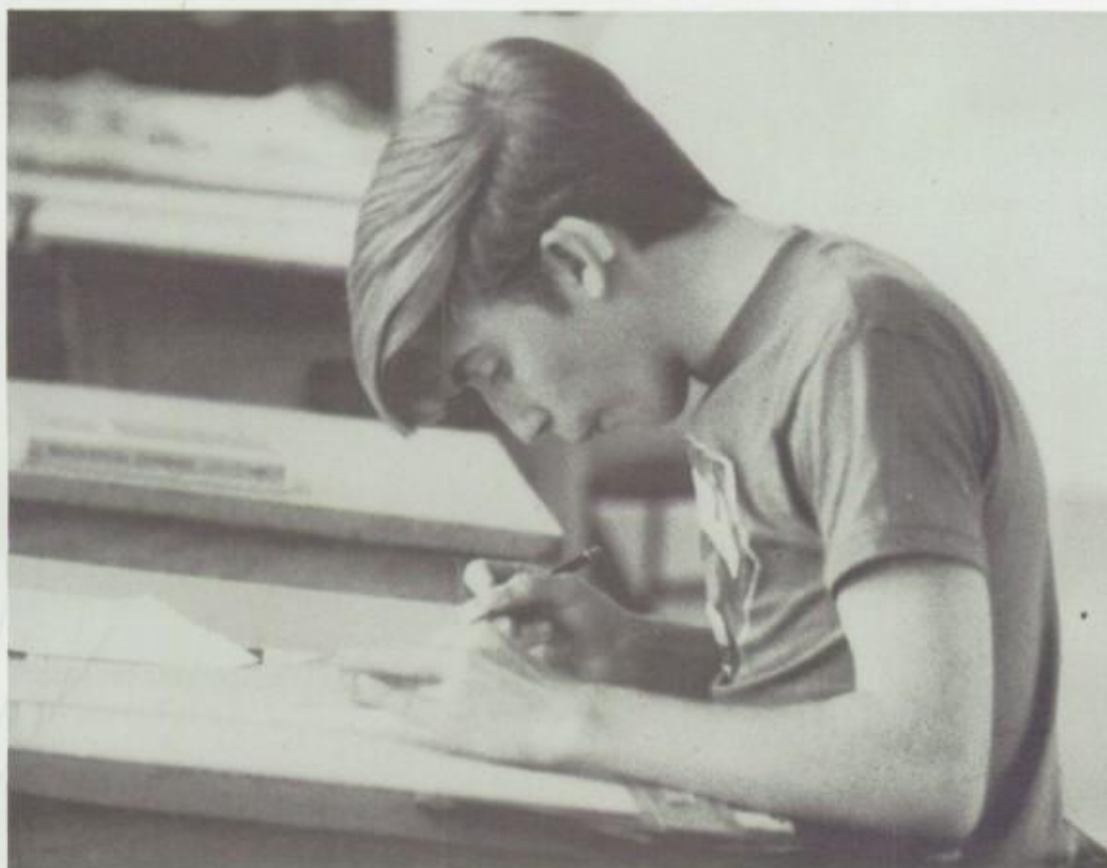
Attractive to many students, a wide variety of Industrial Ed classes was available in which both boys and girls could acquire the knowledge, skill, and patience needed to work at similar jobs in the outside world. Although electronics was cancelled, auto mech, drafting, graphic arts, wood, and metal were all filled with eager students ready for a project. Beginners were introduced to mini courses, each nine weeks long, which gave them a look at four different 'shop' classes. Students learned safety rules (a point always stressed), the use of the machines, and how to

develop their individuality. As their skills improved, they were encouraged to use more of their own ideas in solving problems and displaying their work.

Industrial Ed received a new department chairman this year, woodshop teacher Mr. Richard Finn. A bright, experienced young man with a ready smile, he stressed safety as a major rule, and encouraged teacher participation. Other members of the department have also been at MHS for several years, with only drafting teacher Larry Hines new this year, and together the department

offered a well-organized set of courses.

The local chapter of Vocational-Industrial Clubs of America, composed entirely of students in industrial ed classes, helped students to expand knowledge in their own special areas, through county, regional, state, and nationwide competitions to demonstrate their skills to possible future employers. Mr. Larry Hines was the local advisor with Mr. Willard Ripley the District VICA Coordinator. The MHS chapter had five county winners this year, despite its small size.



upper left: Making careful measurements, Ralph Lynch prepares his rough sketch in Drafting.

upper right: Linda Vlach carefully adds the finishing touches to her first place-award cedar chest.

above: Sanding her project, Michelle Norleen inspects for any unseen splinters.

left: A cautious Mike Martinez cuts his way through a piece of wood to begin his project.

Students learn consumer ed; 'S' Club continues community service

Placing emphasis on consumer education, human development, and nutrition, the Home Economics Department continued to offer several classes that were first introduced last year. In addition to the popular needlecraft class, clothing and foods classes were also offered. The Bakeshop continued to be popular among 'sweet-toothed' students, with many tempting desserts made and sold by the class.

The Home Ec classes provided students who chose not to continue their education after high school with the opportunity to learn a culinary skill that could prove useful later in life. Several students considered Home Ec a vocational subject since it offered training for specific jobs in various fields.

As one of the most active clubs on campus this year, the 19-member 'S' Club, a girls' service organization, assisted the community through various charitable activities. Selling tickets for an ice cream social which benefitted the United Cerebral Palsy Foundation, tak-

ing cookies to the Driftwood Convalescent Hospital and visiting with the patients, and offering assistance with the administration of the county hearing test were only a few of the activities planned and executed by the club.

The 'S' Club continued the unique tradition of decorating the Christmas Tree in the main hall, with club members in charge of purchasing a tree and making decorations, in addition to meeting safety standards that the job required. Sponsoring a Teacher Appreciation Day on Valentine's Day to honor MHS teachers was another group activity which delighted teachers and brightened the day.

Sending two 'S' Club members to a Soroptimists' Conference in Monterey during April to represent MHS permitted innovative and original ideas to be exchanged between schools. Meetings concerning current problems in society were held as members were exposed to new activity ideas.



above, 'S' Club, front row: Colette Avila, Sherril Sather, Vicky DeSimone, Jeanette Stinnett, Janise Sutton, Cheryl Dodd. **second row:** Alice Velasquez, Martha Lopez, Sandra Cardoza, Nancy Ayala, Rosario Lopez, Marianne van der Burgh. **third row:** Diana Holtz, Colleen Miller, Sharon Lubeck, Becky Couchman, Barbara Ustick, Kara Bentsen, Lois Hunnicutt.

right: 'S' Club advisor Mrs. Diana Holtz demonstrates knitting techniques to Tuyet Nguyen and Maria Alvarado.





far left: International Foods students Cindy Calton and Janice Brown prepare *Brioche*, a French sweetbread.

left: Sylvia Palacios works on a puff pillow in needlecraft class.

below: Laura Rodriques observes as Ms. Gloria Lopez shapes dough for pizza, while Vi Jackson and Ellen Shorter clean up the area behind.



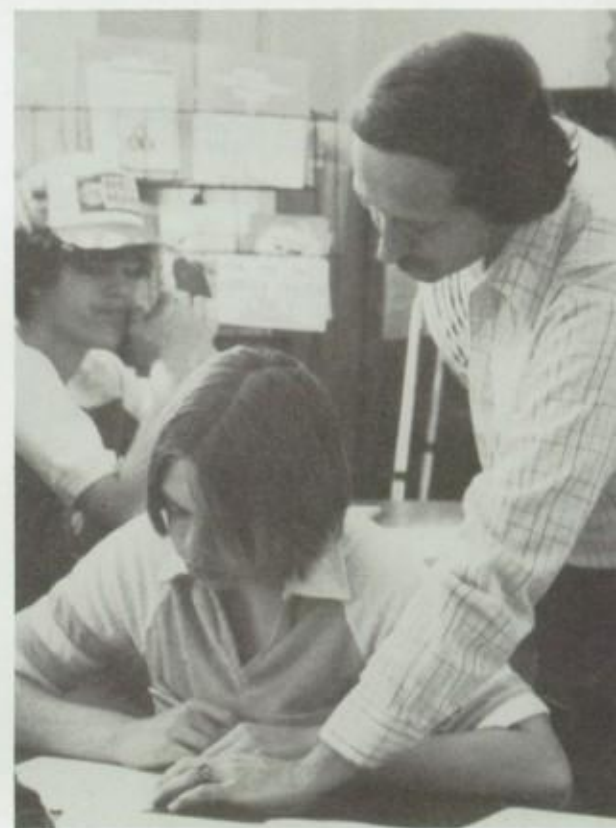
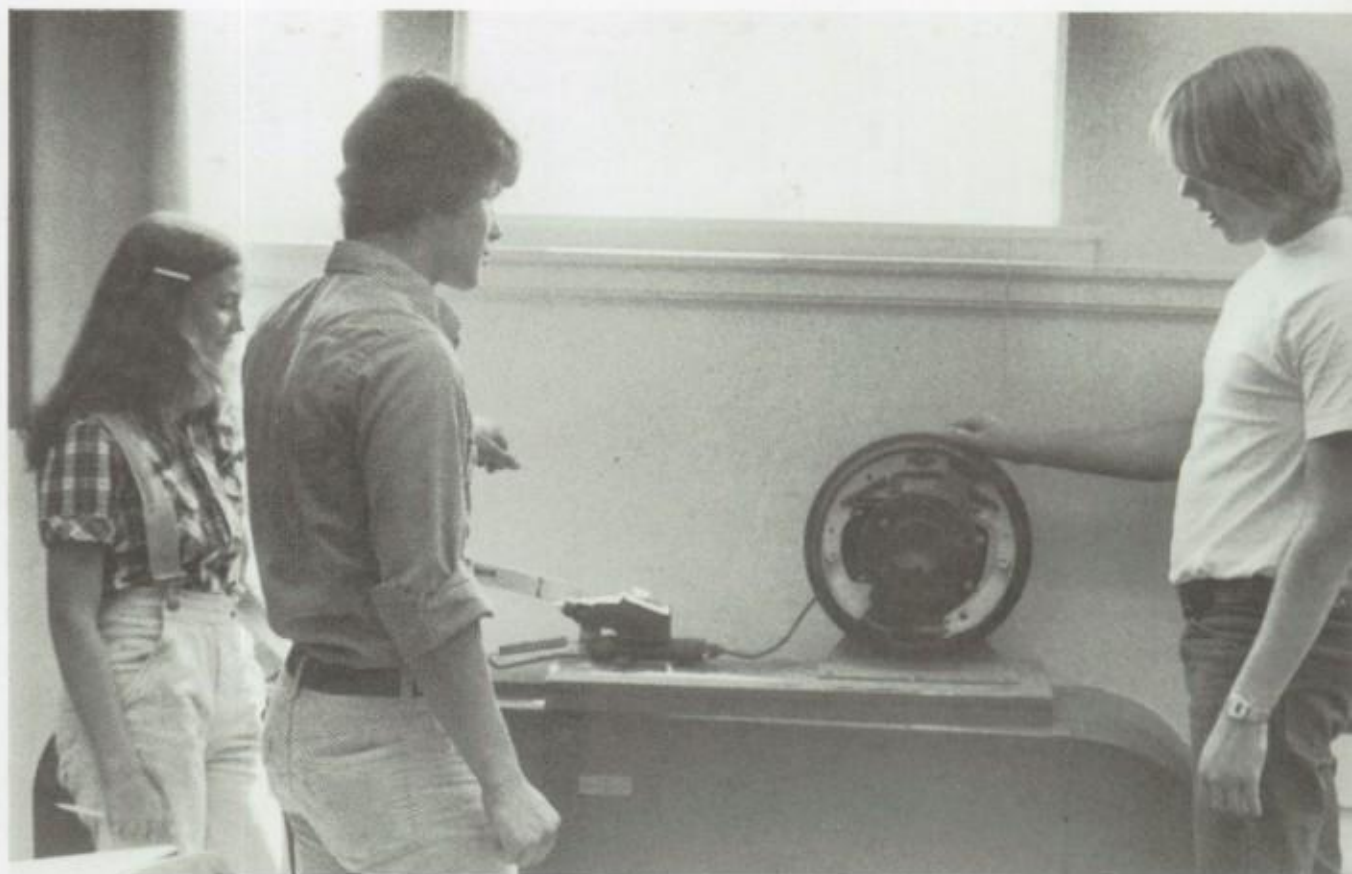
left: Alice Velasquez works attentively on a tennis outfit.

above: 'S' Club members Jeanette Stinnett, Rosario Lopez, Alice Velasquez, Janise Sutton, and Cheryl Dodd prepare plastic Easter eggs for the Easter hunt and party at Washington school.

right: Sophomores Gina Furtado, Robbie Chambers, and David Howell practice manipulating skills.

lower right: Instructor Manuel Palazuelos aids Career Planning student Tom Jones as Patrick Miller waits patiently for his help.

below: Career Planning students search through the brochures and publicity materials to discover what type of work best suits them.



Career Center provides focus for 'Sophomore Goals' with aptitude, dexterity tests, Career Club meetings

Obtaining a driver license is one of the highlights of a student's high school life, and driver training provided an opportunity to every student during the sophomore year. Learning safe driving skills, helpful habits, and a general idea of California law in driver education, sophomores used simulators before getting behind the wheel for actual experience in driver training.

In preparation for the future, sophomores made use of the Career Center, which aided students in finding interesting and helpful information on prospective careers.

Though high school required many different types of classes, Career Planning and Driver Training were two of the more enjoyable. Career Decision Making, a more accurate title for the course, offered planning through aptitude and dexterity tests, films, and class activities. Although the courtyard was the number-one stopping place for some, others found the Career Center more beneficial for future plans.

Mr. Manuel Palazuelos and Mrs. Beverly Streeter provided student assistance for career researching and job placements.

Operating out of the Career Center, the Career Club numbered 500 members, although many were inactive. Over 250 students participated in the Work Experience program, earning school credits while being employed at jobs throughout the city.

Exploratory Work Experience helped others gain job training without pay. Of the hundreds of jobs on which the Career Center provided information, nearly every sophomore found something to help plan for future jobs and prospective careers.

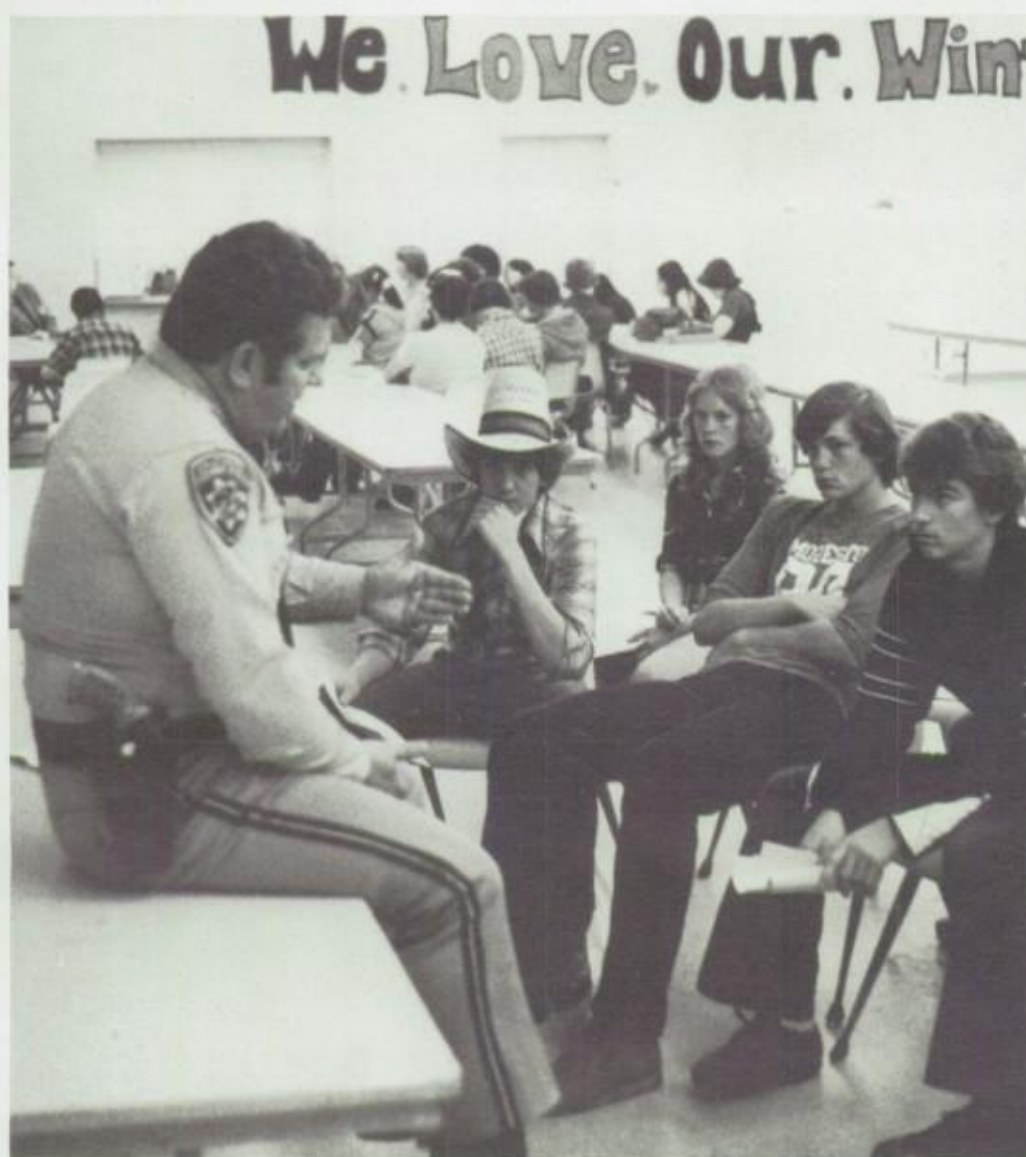




left: Agent Duane Stewart relates exciting FBI experiences to an interested group of Career Club members.

below: Showing her friendship, Bunny McHale shares a driver's handbook with Ed Faria in Drivers Ed class.

lower left: CHP Officer Ron Hardman explains basic police procedure to students considering law enforcement as a career.



far left: A Career Club guest speaker answers students questions about construction.



left: Roy Conley listens to the advantages of the Army Reserve program, while Steve Pate is distracted by another display.

ROP, Work Experience programs provide 'real life' opportunities

Trying to hold down a job and go to school at the same time caused a problem for many students that was fortunately solved by the Work Experience Program.

Headed by Manuel Palazuelos, the program enabled students to take four classes a day plus two periods of credit for work experience.

Students are rated four times per semester by their employers. Grades are determined according to the ratings given and the average number of working hours per week, plus their attendance at 'WEX' meetings and completion of workbook assignments.

Nearly one hundred students were enrolled in the Regional Occupation Program this year. ROP provides opportunities for invaluable on-the-

job training for several specific careers. The two most popular programs among MHS students were Medical Careers and Building Construction.

An annual project for the Building Construction students is to build a two-bedroom house to sell upon completion. This year's project was sold for \$26,000, which helps pay for supplies and expenses.

Office Reprographics, which is also popular, and Structural Welding are the two ROP courses held on the MHS campus. Other programs, including Banking Careers, Cosmetology, Electronic Data Processing, Childhood Development, Food Service, Law Enforcement, and Merchandising, are located on other campuses or at downtown businesses.



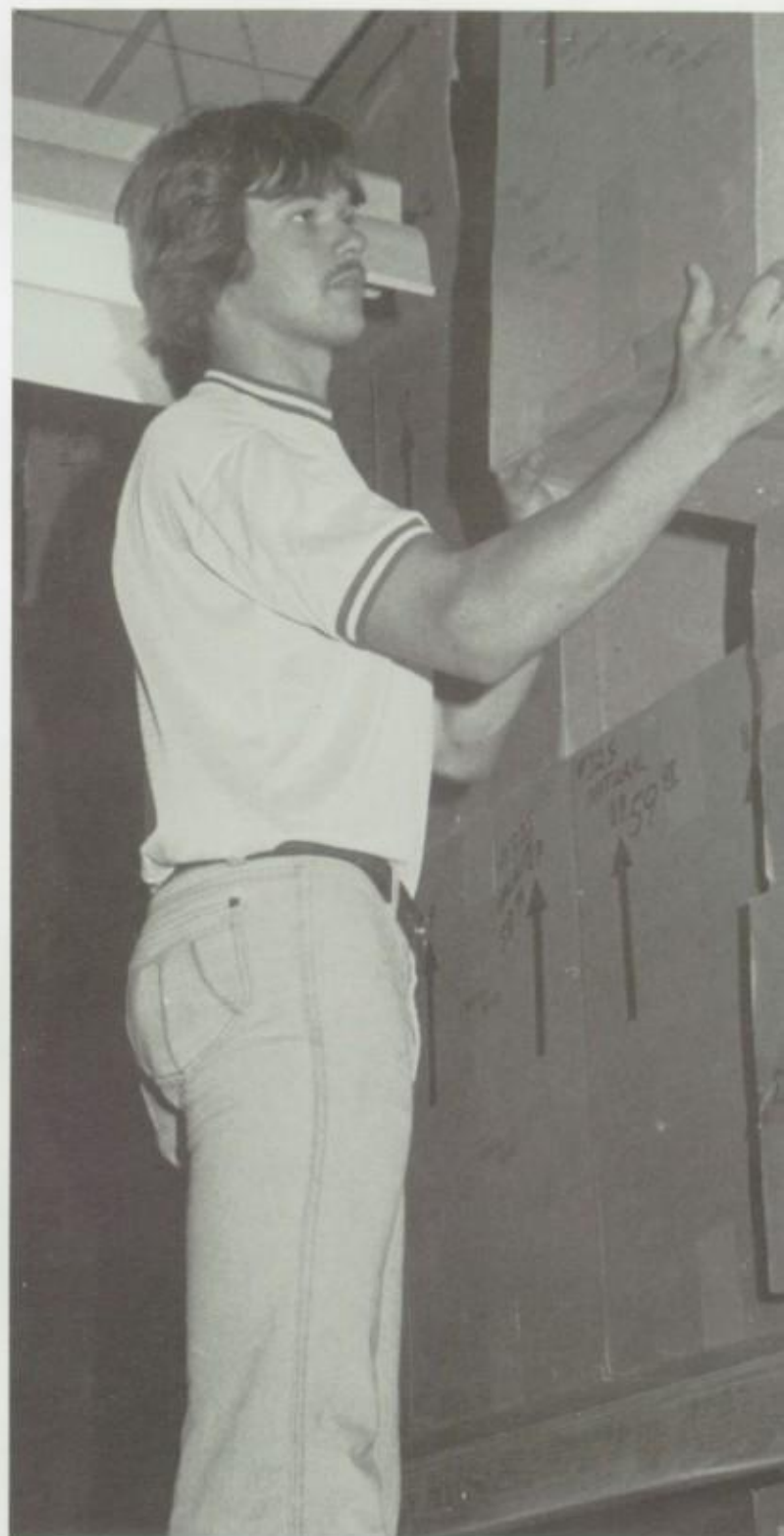
above: Cindy Epperson keeps the books and types at Modesto Lumber Company in her after-school job.

upper right: Work Experience student Chris Shaw stocks shelves at Hammaway's after school.

far upper right: Mary Rathbun operates the press in Reprographics, one of the two ROP classes taught on campus.

right: wrapping a Christmas present, Linda Ott puts in hours at Gottschalk's.

far right: Colette Avila, Marianne van der Burgh, Russell Lusk and Frank Gonzalves, along with Davis High students, stand in front of the Crocker Art Gallery as a docent explains the age and history of the building.





CSF honors academic achievement

Becoming a member of the California Scholarship Federation provides recognition to students who have the greatest potential for future success in the academic community. For acceptance into the club, a rigid standard of qualifications must be satisfied by achieving a 'B' average or higher for each semester. Students who become members for four semesters, one of which must be in the senior year, are eligible for Life Membership, which if achieved offers reduced fees and scholarships at many colleges.

Outstanding senior Colette Avila was nominated as the MHS candidate

for the Seymore Memorial Award. The award is given annually in recognition of the founders of CSF, and is the most prestigious academic award obtainable in California.

Under the guidance of advisor Walter Baddell, the MHS and Davis High chapters of CSF were able to take a field trip to UC Davis in May. The trip included a tour of the UC campus, and a lecture on choosing a major presented by two university representatives. Continuing with a tour of the renowned Crocker Art Gallery, the tired CSFers concluded the well-deserved trip with a visit to Old Sacramento.

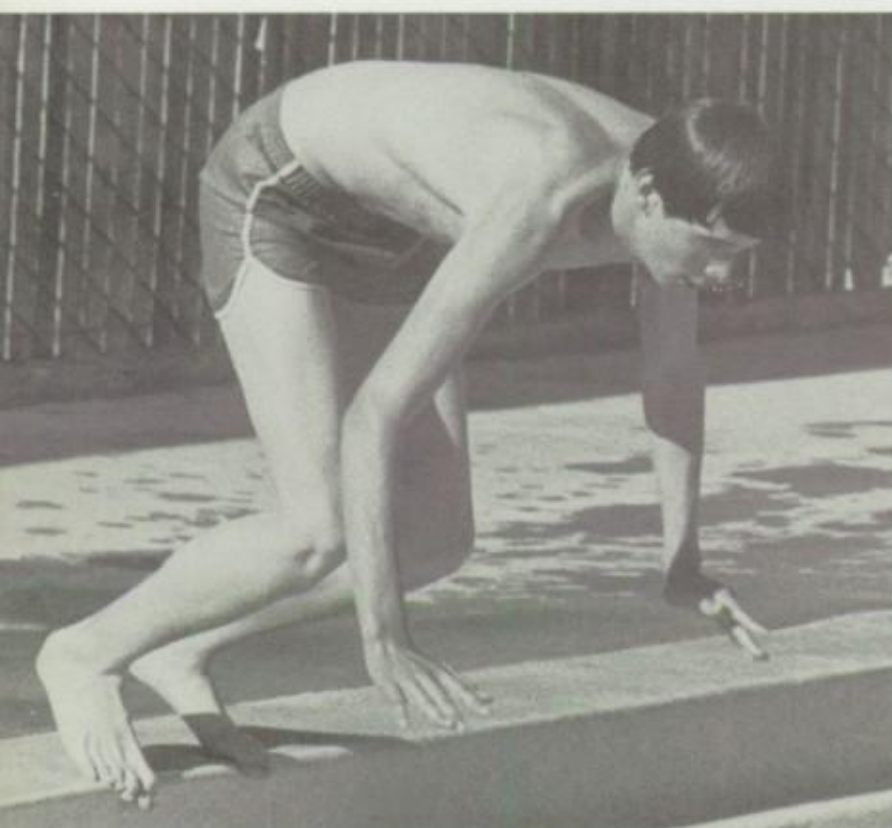


upper center, CSF, front row: Nathaniel White, Andy Klink, Mark Ketchum, Russell Lusk, Curtis Escobar, Mauricio Vera, John Brughelli, Ponci Madrigal. **second row:** Lois Hunnicutt, Ursula Spani, Carolyn Teixeira, Kathy Fernandes, Mike McCombs, Sherril Sather, Colette Avila, Nancy Ayala, Cristina Moran, Anita Madrigal, Martha Vera, Pam White, Bill Strohm. **third row:** Mr. Walter Baddell, Dell Lopez, Lynn Moore, Margaret Payne, John Bradford, Julia Bland, Bob Silva, Roxanne Jimenez, Gretchen Peek, Andrea Heersink, Kathy Kunkel. **fourth row:** Derek Shuman, Robert Merenda, Sue Van Duyn, Tom Vallin, Barbara Ustick, Becky Couchman, Sharon Lubeck, Maricela Pena, Nancy Ollis, Jeff Azevedo, Steve Babb. **above:** Modesto and Davis High School students arrive at UC Davis for a tour of the campus.

below: Laurie Walker practices her routine on the uneven parallel bars while Kelli Brown spots her.

right: Waiting for the opening cue in the song 'Bellavia,' Colette Avila begins her routine during the Dance Assembly.

far right: Taking a general PE class as an elective, George Travao throws to home base; later in the afternoon he will attend his varsity baseball class.



above: Darrell Kostner dives into the pool during third period swimming class.

right: Gina Furtado returns the ball to her opponent, using a strong backhand slam, during intermediate tennis class.





Physical fitness achieved through variety of elective activities despite optional class for seniors

Effective last fall, Physical Education became an optional course for seniors. Many seniors continued to take PE classes, however, realizing the importance of maintaining physical fitness and keeping in shape. Some students enrolled in PE as a break from the sometimes tedious academic classes, thereby maintaining a well-rounded schedule.

A variety of activities were offered as PE electives, allowing students to choose classes that best suited their interests. These courses included archery, badminton, bowling, dance, gymnastics, softball, swimming, volleyball, and weightlifting, as well as boys and girls athletics. But due to low enrollment in several of these classes, they were eliminated or combined with others. Even though students weren't involved with a specific sports team, such as football, basketball, or tennis, they had the opportunity to participate in their favorite sport

by enrolling in the appropriate class. In addition to the traditional courses offered by the MHS physical education department, newer classes such as modern dance, disco and social dance, and slimnastics were also available.

This year the modern dance students collaborated with the gymnastics students to present an outstanding assembly in May. Sixth and seventh period dance classes, under the instruction of Chris Eden, performed three dances which Ms. Eden designed to the music of popular songs.

Gymnastics students, coached by Carolyn Leathers and Bill Yard, showed off hours of hard practice by exhibiting various tumbling routines, in addition to skillful individual performances. The girls worked on the uneven parallel bars and the beam, while the boys performed on the horse, high bar, vault, and rings.



left: General PE students perform the sidestep portion of the annual physical fitness test.

above: Second period Disco Dance class practices a couples dance.

Sports clubs combine fun, service

That the MHS Ski Club got off to a slow start this year is an understatement; lack of funds made it difficult for the club to organize even one trip, and it all but faded out of view. However, this didn't keep ski buffs away from the slopes. Sun- and wind-burned faces were a common sight on campus as students returned from weekends spent on skis. Often escaping, as one student put it, from 'the stress and straining agony of school,' Dodge Ridge and Bear Valley were popular resorts, if not hideouts, for students to head for during school time. And although the Ski Club never made the trip up to the slopes as a group, many individuals enjoyed taking advantage of the long winter and often-excellent skiing conditions.

Recognizing the social and athletic benefits that owning a Block M jacket or sweater offered, students continued to support the athletic honor society of MHS. To qualify for membership, students were required to earn at least 30 points collectively, and were awarded points for every sport in which they participated. Most enjoyed showing off their patches and pins, and acquired the traditional red and cream jackets or crimson sweaters as soon as possible in their high school years.

Block M members assisted the athletic department at sports events by taking tickets at the gate, setting up equipment, helping with scoring and record-keeping, and taking charge of the end-of-season Sports Banquets in which teams as well as outstanding individuals were awarded and praised by the coaches.



upper left: Rod Wright skillfully prepares for a waterskiing stunt at Turlock Lake.

upper center: Fall sports queens hand out awards to fall sports athletes; Sharon Lubeck presents a trophy to Jose Ortega.

above, Ski Club, front row: Deana Crook, Mike McCombs, Gayle Davis, Bunny McHale, Desi Angle, Donna Payne. **second row:** Margaret Payne, Genise Van Duyn, Gretchen Peek, Trina Russell, Kirk Melson, Joyce Borba. **third row:** Kari Simas, Russell Lusk, Sharon Lubeck, Pam White, Kathy Kunkel, Sue Van Duyn. **fourth row:** Robert Merenda, Mike Imelio, Kevin Grimes, Danny May, Steve Bertozzi, Arthur Fabela.

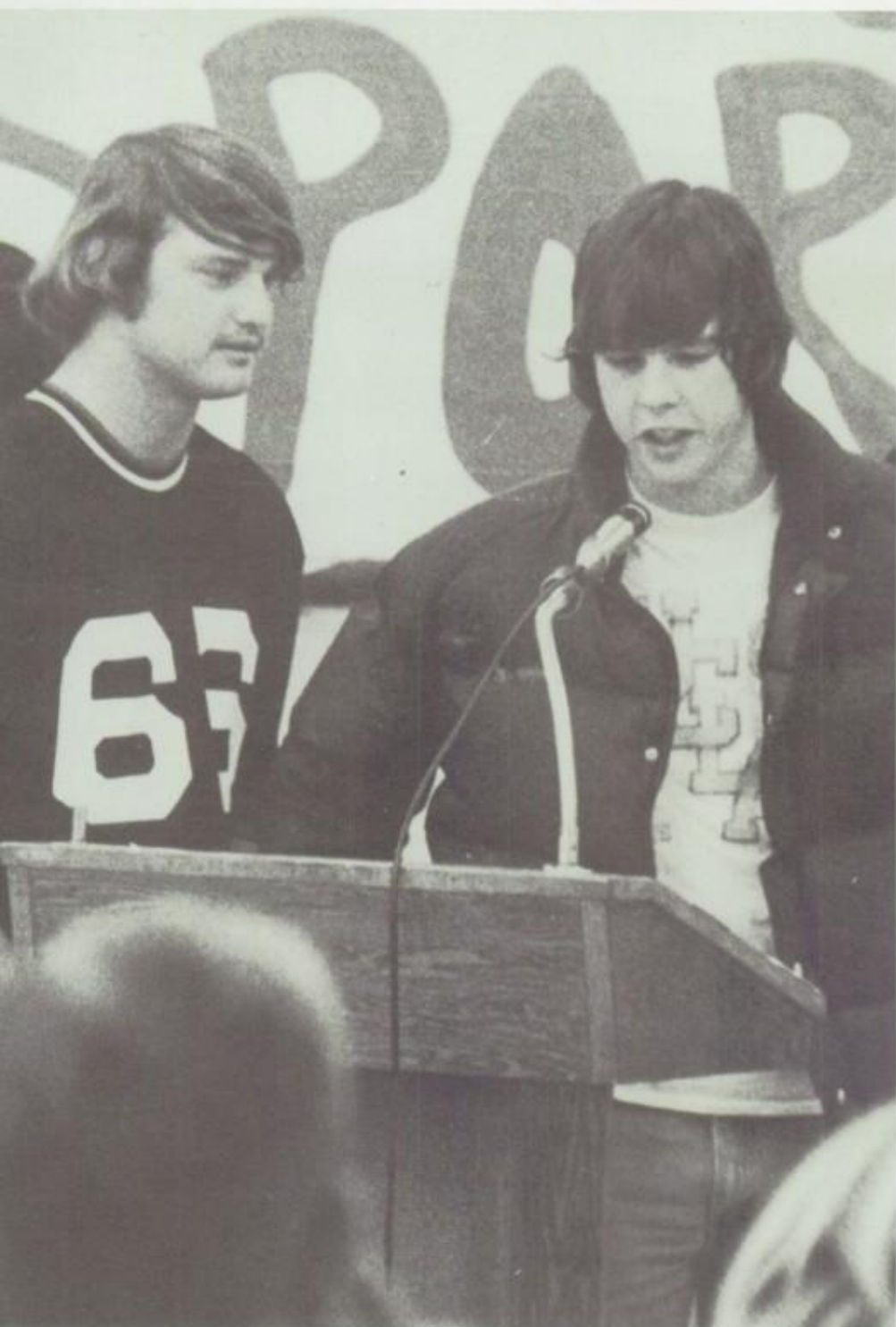
right: Mr. Marty Boer and Mr. Bobby Cole proudly present Albert Alcala with a Block M award.





below, **Block M, front row:** Gayle Davis, Luis Gutierrez, Doug Wheeler, Mike McCombs, Kathy Fernandes, Lorraine Rosa, Desi Angle, Bunny McHale, Genise Van Duyn, Trina Russell. **second row:** Russell Lusk, Mike Hyer, Rick Simental, Sandra Cardoza, Shannon Watson, Kathy Fultz, Marlene Avila, Gretchen Peek, Joyce Borba, Julie Henriques, Kari Simas. **third row:** Victor Brasil, Brian Cooper, Arthur Fab-

ela, Pete Alberto, Joe Brasil, Ruth Richards, Lori Conrad, Mick Hardenbrook, Sue Van Duyn, Sharon Lubeck, Mark Ferguson, Ruben Martinez. **fourth row:** Jose Torrez, Ken Faria, Clay Schonoff, Steve Bertozzi, Kevin Grimes, Stacey Burkes, Darrel Boyles, Danny May, Joe Schoonover, Bryan Marconett, Larry Mendonza, Pat McKee, Roland Blankenship.



above: Kathy Fernandes and Sandra Cardoza happily share in the excitement of examining each other's awards.
left: Mark Ferguson discusses the season's winnings while Floyd Quigley waits eagerly beside him.

right: The Air Force Jazz Band plays 'Just the Way You Are' at their assembly.

below, the Blue Berets, front row: Carla Hunstable, Kari White, Michelle Hunstable.
second row: Dale Paugh, Emil Cortani, Eric Beck, Tony Rocha.

center right: The drummer keeps the beat steady for the Air Force Jazz Band.

lower right: The Blue Angels execute a difficult flying maneuver during an ROTC field trip.



AFJROTC goes down in glory as board cuts program for next year

Preparing for numerous branches of the military after graduation, the Air Force Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps cadets, instructed by Colonel Jacob Schales and assisted by Sergeant John Babb, learned about various Air Force-related jobs. The Career Center and school library were helpful in providing research and literature exploring the many careers open to students.

Organized at the close of the '78 school year, the ROTC color guard, the Blue Berets, began competing with other school color guards in regional parades. Appearing in fourteen central valley parades held in the summer and early fall, and traveling more than eight hundred miles, the seven-member squad earned ten first place awards along with three third

place awards, and placed in every competition but one. Representing the first competitive color guard in the six-year history of Aeroscience at MHS, the Blue Berets displayed their skill both during competition and while proudly bearing the flag for the National Anthem at home games during the football season. An orientation field trip was taken during the fall by the cadets. They were given an aerial tour of the county via helicopter by the Modesto City Airport, and were given a taste of the exciting and challenging world of aviation. Despite its many accomplishments, the MHS ROTC program remained on the scheduled list of cuts for the coming year, due largely to its failure to maintain an enrollment above 125 students throughout the year.





left: Michelle Hunstable kibitzes on the chess game between Bob Teeple and John Foreman while Mike Ibarra and Eric Beck await their turn to play.

below, AFJROTC, front row: Howard Cosby, Mike Gouker, David Connacher, Tammy Eye, Michelle Hunstable, Cindy Paulk, Brent Shirley, Tommie Sharp. **second row:** Mike

Ibarra, Brenda Wilcox, Alvin Holder, Emil Cortani, Chris Armstrong. **third row:** Bob Teeple, Mark Quattrin, Eric Beck, Linda Mitts, Roland Roberts, Tim Williams, Eddie Armstrong. **fourth row:** Johnny Winchester, Richard Mossmayer, Mike Thomas, Carla Hunstable, Charles Sexton, Joe Schwolow, Robbie Hilterbrand, Hershel Moore, Pat Rutledge.



above: Using the lounge at lunch time, Robert Berry, Alvin Holder, Mark Quattrin, and John Tibbedeaux begin assembling another model jet for the club's collection.

left: Robert Simpson listens to the explanation Colonel Schales gives about the fighter jet model he holds.

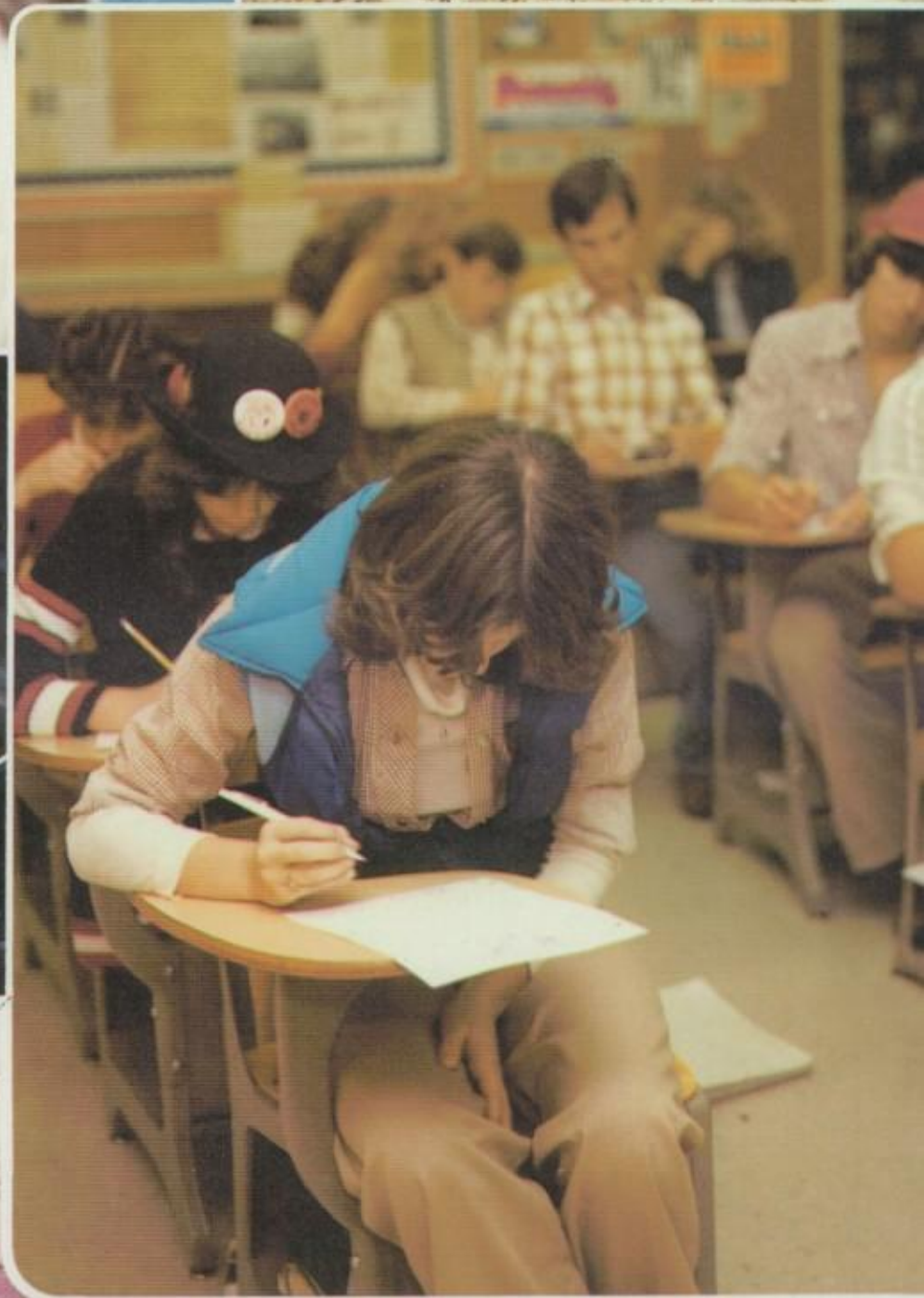
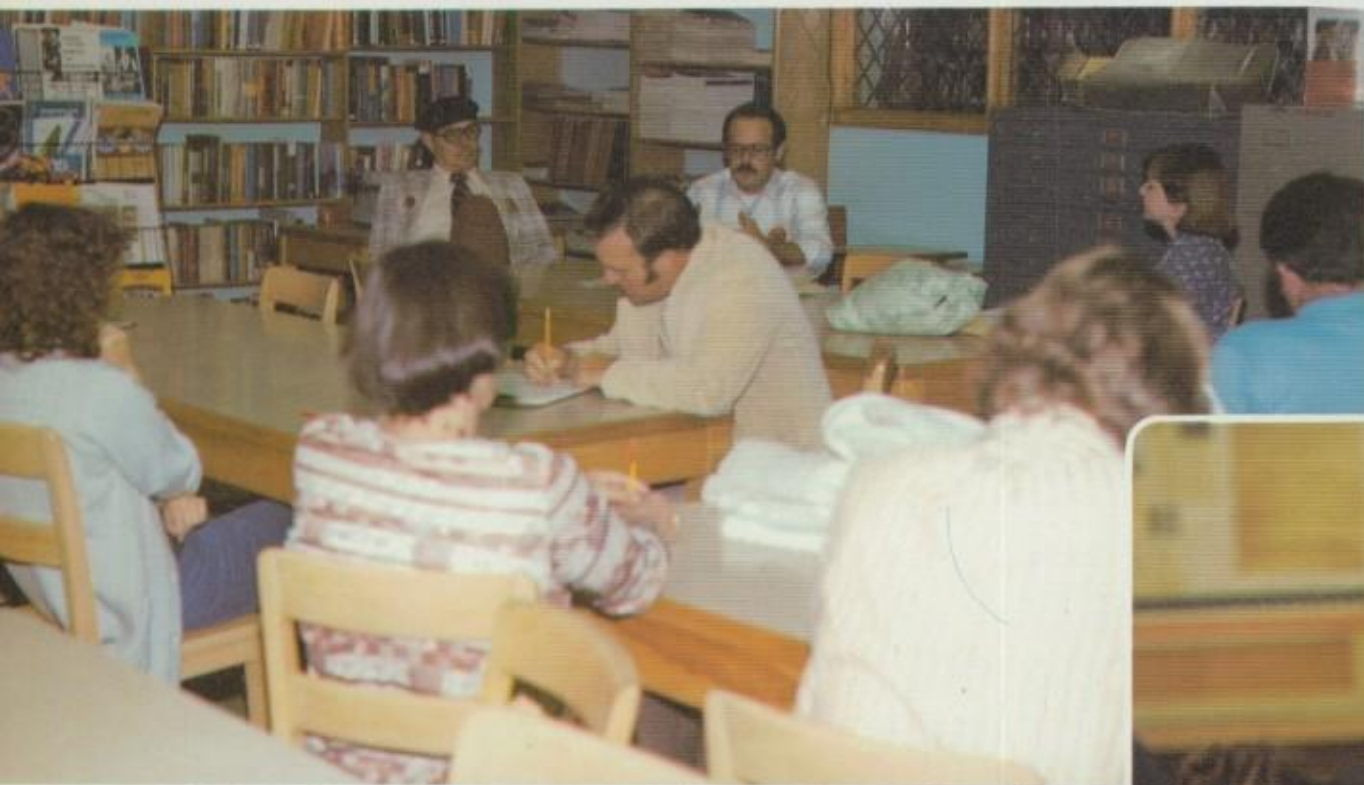
right: The Sycamore 79 business manager, Mike Hyer, goes to any length to sell an ad, even to meeting Ron Crum in the corn harvest.

far right: Fall mascot Robert Merenda leads the Pop-O-Meter competition between classes.

lower right: Marlene Avila puzzles her way through an American History test as Raydene Travco, Linda Goncalves, Dan Wheeler, Gary Fernandes, Gary Gibson, Julie Cuffman, and Tari Peltz experience similar difficulties.

lower left: Early-bird cafeteria employees Elsie Silveira, Kitty Corda, and Mary Anne Duray prepare snacks for the morning break period.

below: Department chairman Gloria Lopez, Marge Stuhlman, Ken Williams, Tom Chagnon, Andrea McGhee, and Russ Cosgrove listen to business manager Mike Pelucca explain another District revision in the budget, while principal Jim Sherman is prepared to help answer questions.





hey, ya wanna go to the cafeteria for breakfast?
I am."

"Yeah, I guess so. Didn't even have time to eat this mornin, I got up so late. Man, I'm glad it's Friday!"

"Me too. You goin to the rally today?"

"Uh huh."

"I can't believe tonight's the last football game already. It went by so fast."

"I know. We're still goin, aren't we? You never showed up yesterday for seventh. Where were you, anyway?"

"Had to track a farmer down in the field cuz he bought a yearbook ad. That was the pits; took all afternoon."

"We got a test in American History today. It's a bummer; I stayed up half the night studyin for it. I better get a good grade in there!"

"Don't sweat it. Teachers around here are cool, specially guys like Sample."

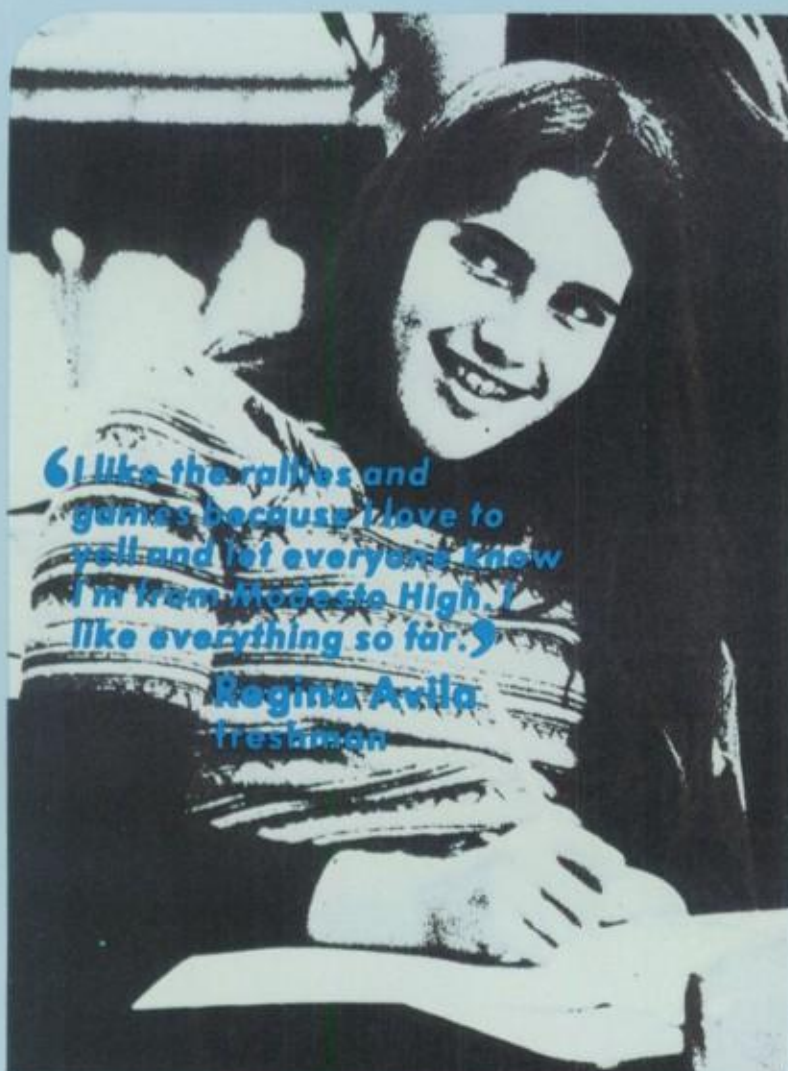
"Yeah, I guess so."

"Let's go, I'm starved."

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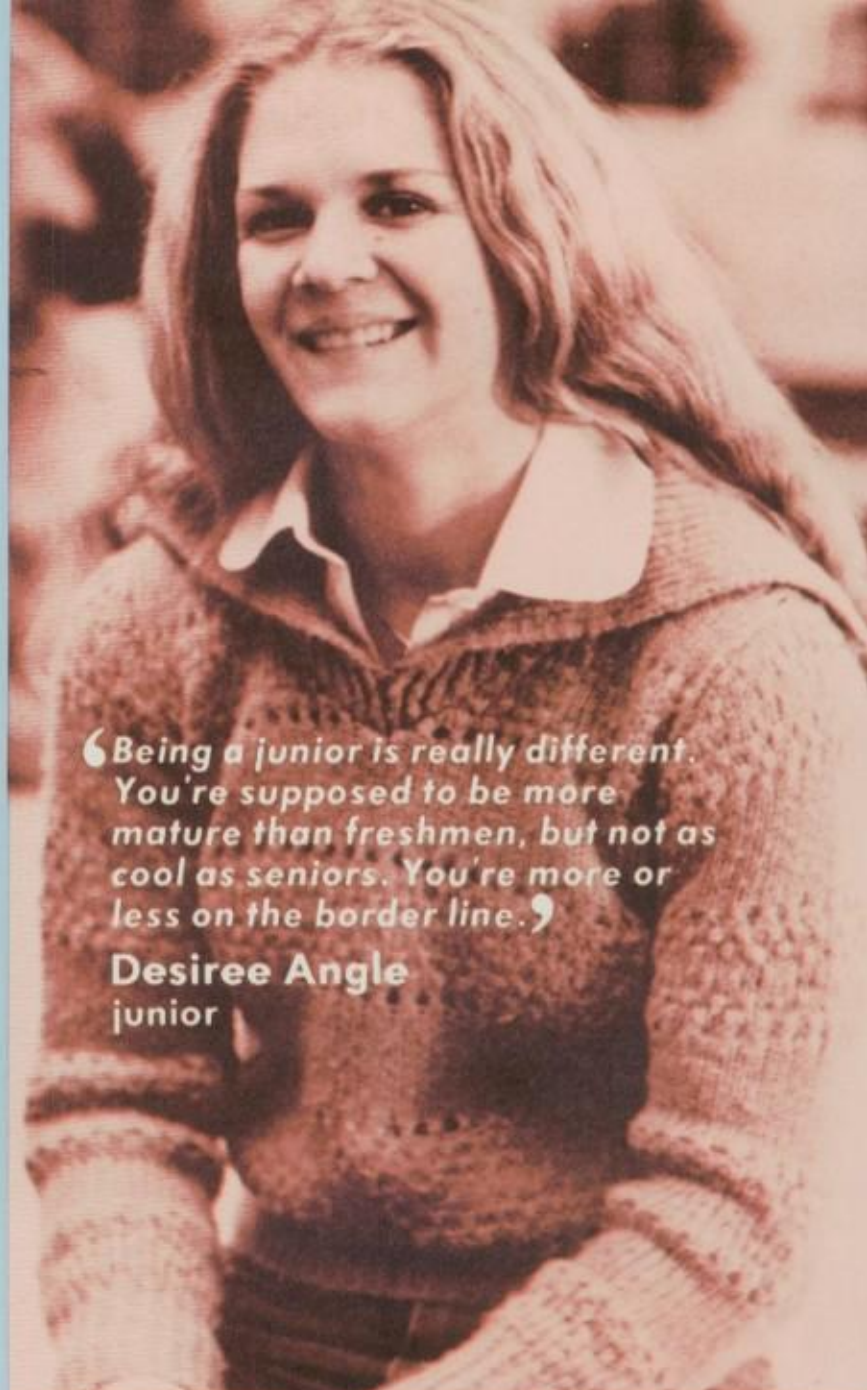
“Now my brother can't say I'm too young to pick up on girls.”

Tony Usiak freshman



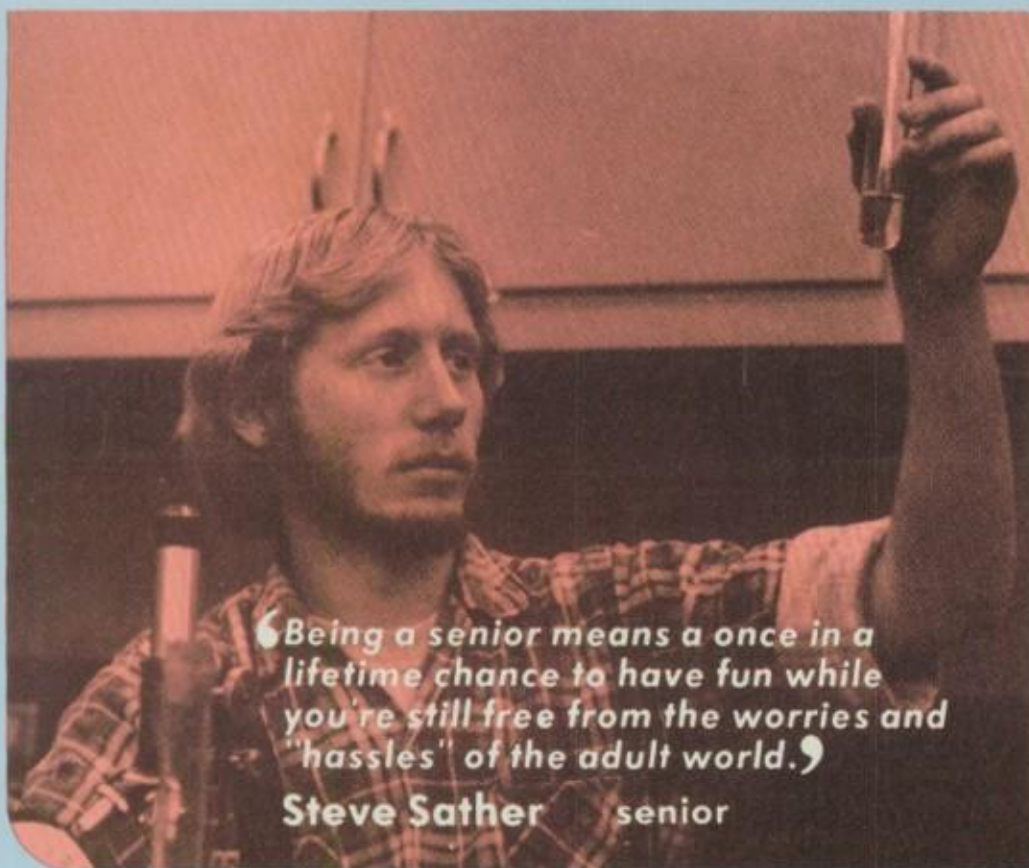
“I like the rallies and games because I love to yell and let everyone know I'm from Modesto High. I like everything so far.”

Regina Avila
freshman



“Being a junior is really different. You're supposed to be more mature than freshmen, but not as cool as seniors. You're more or less on the border line.”

Desiree Angle
junior

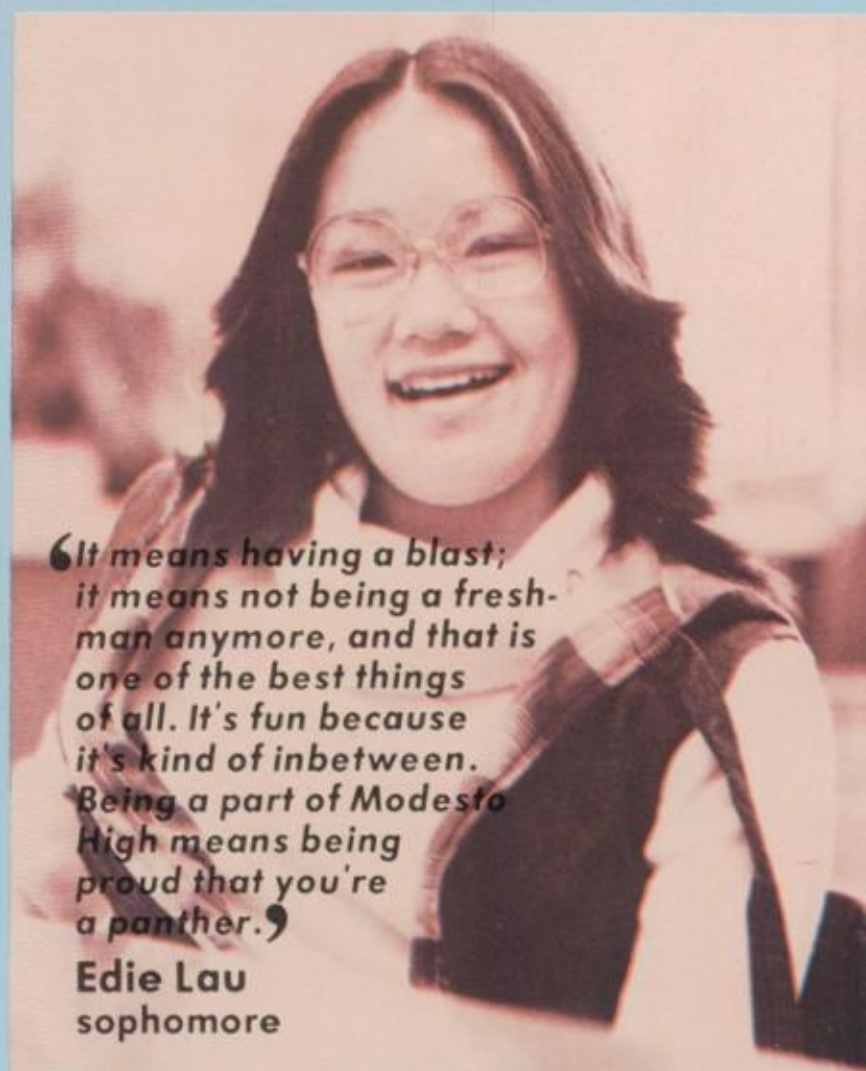


“Being a senior means a once in a lifetime chance to have fun while you're still free from the worries and “hassles” of the adult world.”

Steve Sather senior

“Modesto High has a lot of good points . . . and then there's homework.”

Robert Miller junior



“It means having a blast; it means not being a freshman anymore, and that is one of the best things of all. It's fun because it's kind of inbetween. Being a part of Modesto High means being proud that you're a panther.”

Edie Lau
sophomore

“Coming from another high school I've had a chance to see how the two high schools differ. I've found that the people at Modesto High have more spirit than I have ever seen.”

Chris Stambaugh
junior



“You don't have to be class president or involved in all the activities. All you have to be is yourself.”

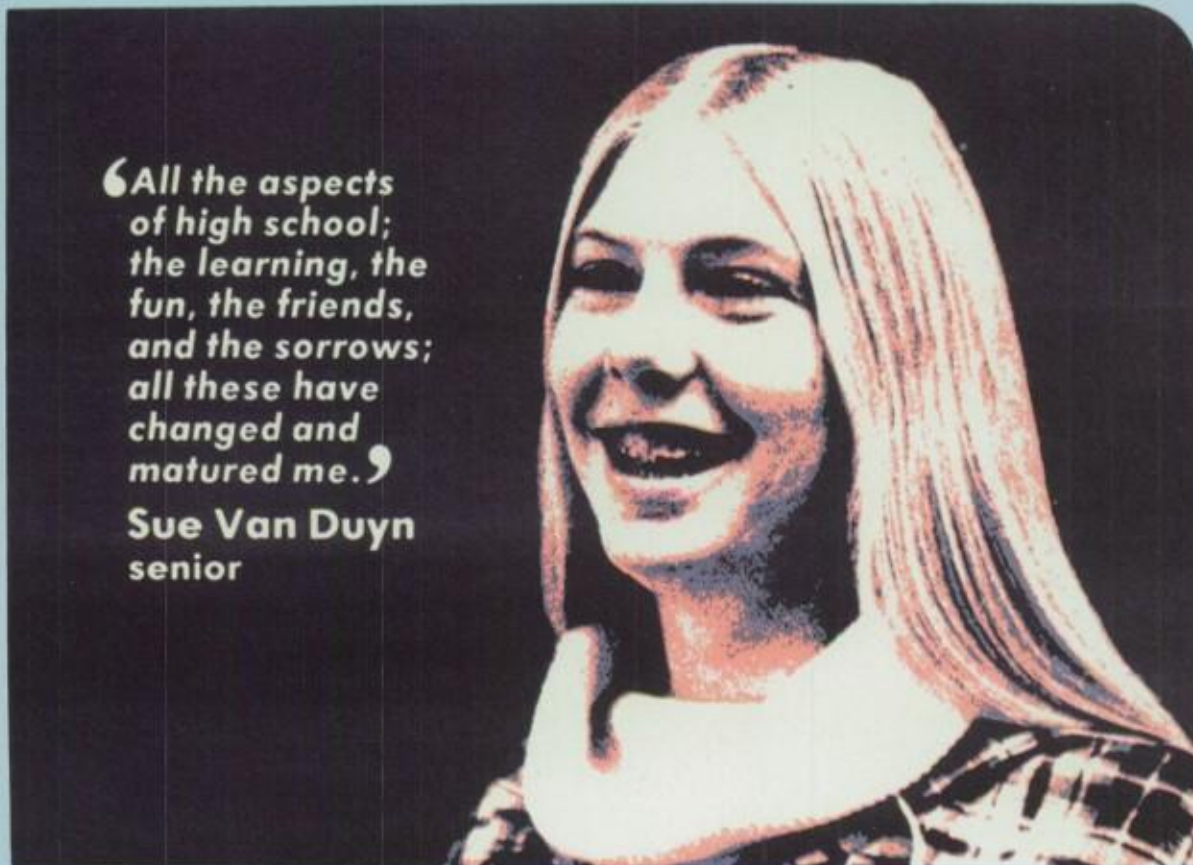
Carol Reyes senior

“It means looking back and reminiscing: freshman inexperience, sophomore confidence, junior expectations, and now, senior indecision. It means accomplishment and a sense of fulfillment.”

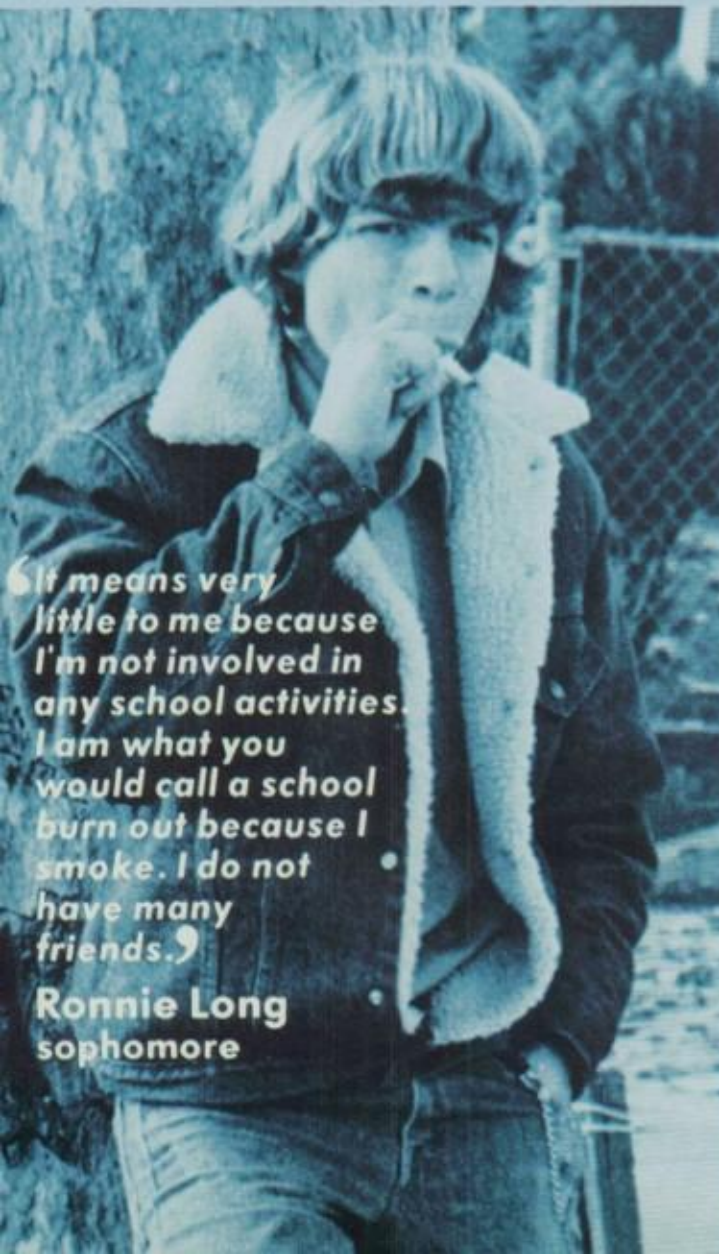
Curtis Escobar senior

“All the aspects of high school; the learning, the fun, the friends, and the sorrows; all these have changed and matured me.”

Sue Van Duyn
senior



HOW DO YA FEEL?



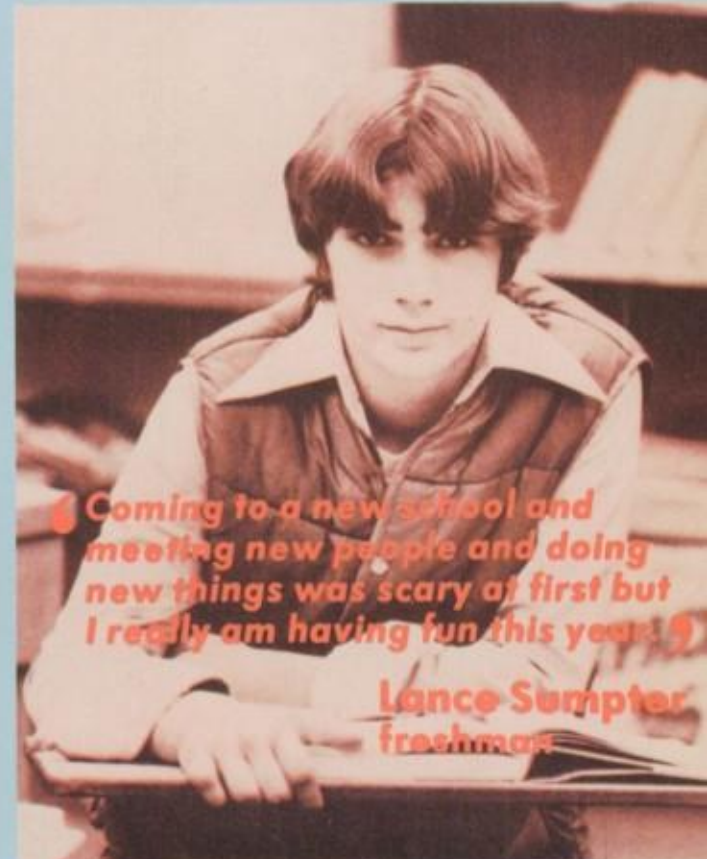
“It means very little to me because I'm not involved in any school activities. I am what you would call a school burn out because I smoke. I do not have many friends.”

Ronnie Long
sophomore

Fighting feelings of frustration, having fun after a football game, calming tempers, getting a higher grade than expected, and snapping out of a 'why care?' state of mind are all part of being a high school student. Combined with personal growth and change, these four years can be the most traumatic, most fun, or the most boring in one's life.

For some, getting involved in academics or extra-curricular activities is their main objective. Others take advantage of the opportunity by making as many new friends as possible.

An MHS yearbook poll taken in October asking what it means to be a high school student made two points clear. Pride for having been able to attend the 'oldest and best' school in Modesto was one common thread binding the student body together. The other was that 'being able to express oneself' was considered the most important part of high school life.



“Coming to a new school and meeting new people and doing new things was scary at first but I really am having fun this year.”

Lance Sumpter
freshman



upper left: Teaching through individualized instruction, Mr. Bill Yard shows Ronnie Belcher another way to use the metal lathe.

upper center: Choosing to spend the lunch hour with friends, students mix freely from group to group in the courtyard.

right: Attempting to complete her schedule and still get the classes she wants, Ramona McFarland ignores the crowd of other students going through the same process.

above: Finding the parking zone along the shop classes to their liking, Mexican-American students take a smoke break between classes.



left: Scowling at the antics of mere youngsters, 'Senior Citizens' Ruth Richards and Dena Avila follow the bidding at the Sophomore Slave Sale.

center left: Dressed as monks for their visit to the Renaissance Faire with the Masterpieces class, Bill Strohm and Steve Sather watch an outdoor puppet show together.

below: Linda Isoni and Keith Watts enjoy each other's company, oblivious to others in the courtyard.

lower right: Friends since early childhood, Kathy Kunkel and Pam White still enjoy spending time together.

lower left: Comparing notes and searching for answers in the book, Sandra Cardoza and Andrea Heersink spend the last of their lunch hour studying for a sixth period test.



WHO YA WITH?

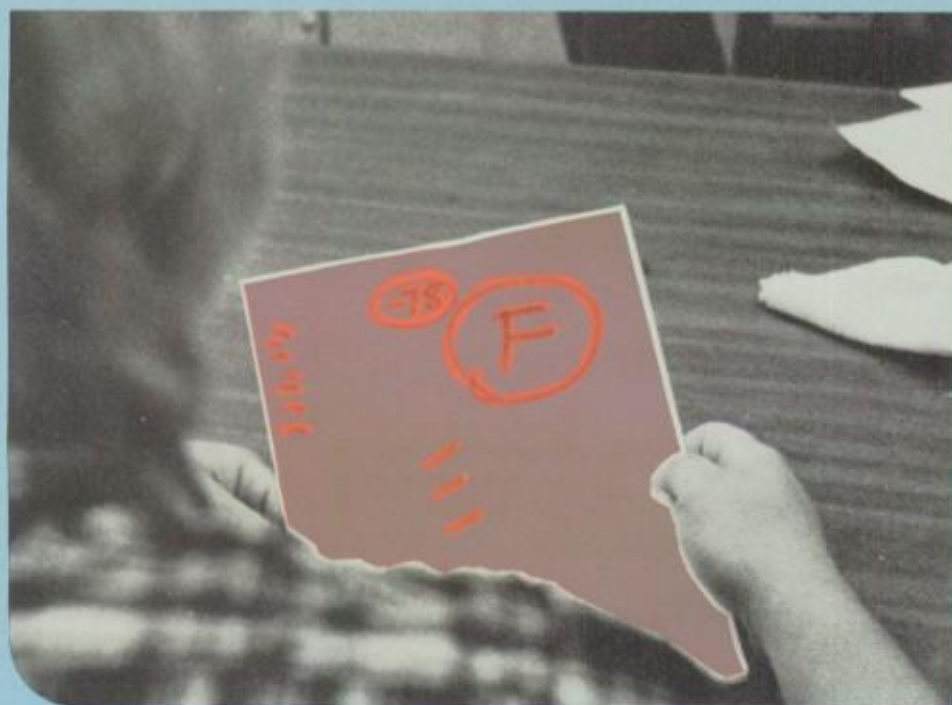


Filling out a class schedule, choosing a seat in class on the first day of school, joining the crowd in the courtyard at break or lunch; students gathered, paired off, associated, or disassociated with the companions or individuals of their choice.

Making new friends was as important as keeping old relationships strong. From the first day of school, meeting new people provided opportunities for close associations to develop. Along with the formation of friendships, the opposite inevitably occurred. News of an 'off-and-on' couple terminating their relationship once again, or the beginning of a new one, was often the focal point of hallway and courtyard conversations.

Establishing and maintaining companionship was important to all who saw in these few brief years a time to make friends which would last forever, and for sharing with a special person the joys and sorrows of becoming an adult.





upper left: Helping each other with answers to their study questions, Becky Anderson, Yvette White, and Connie Van Winkle hurry to finish before lunch is over.

upper center: Senior Lois Hunnicutt spends her lunch hour in the library, researching for her Masterpiece theme.

right: Richard Ray lets his mind wander during English class.

above: Receiving a test paper with an 'F' on it is, for many students, the result of too much fun and too little studying.



left: Janis Seabrook, the new library clerk, helps Mauricio Vera check out a stack of books for American History.

below: Enrolled in Career Planning, sophomore Greg Porcella looks through the files containing more than 14,000 job descriptions, anxious to prepare himself adequately for those he now finds most interesting.

lower right: Graduation, the end of four high school years, is the goal all students plan for, yet some never work hard enough to accomplish.

lower center: Carrying home a stack of books, Sharon Lubeck plans to study over the weekend for a Monday morning test.



WHY BOTHER?

Graduation, the final goal of high school life, like all important goals, must be earned. Based on everyday school life, the steps leading to it are: getting passing grades on tests, attending class—and paying attention while there; and completing out-of-class assignments, sometimes teeth-grittingly called 'homework.'

Forsaking nighttime television, going out on a date, or seeing a movie with a friend, dedicated students studied regularly, often staying up past midnight to complete assignments. Lugging home an armload of books became an everyday task, yet sore arms and writers' cramp were not experienced by all.

Some scheduled equal time for both homework and entertainment, while others completed only those assignments essential for a passing grade, believing the boredom felt while studying was unbearable. Yet all students conceded that the necessity for better study habits was the first requirement for self-improvement.





WHERE YA GOIN?



above: Stacking produce at Save Mart, Ty Angle and Russel Lusk appreciate their good jobs.

upper left: More students are walking home this year, since the bus pick-up limit was moved out to two miles from school due to Proposition 13.

upper center: Skilled Dairy Queen employee Reda Walker prepares a raspberry sundae.

right: Kara Bentsen chooses the city bus as an economical form of transportation.

Freshmen look forward to being sophomores, while sophomores anticipate getting a driver license and becoming juniors. Juniors hopefully await their first car or truck. Seniors look back and wonder how they survived without independent transportation.

For some, though, obtaining a 'set of wheels' seemed impossible, and for many others, paying for insurance and keeping gas in the tank was a real chore. Turning to the only other choice, students hunted for jobs; and after-school work, though time-consuming, became equally as important as school. Determined to become self-sufficient, these students sacrificed good grades and involvement in sports and other extra-curricular activities for their independence.

Catching the bus mornings and afternoons, pedaling a bike when weather permitted, and imposing on friends, neighbors, or parents who were driving were all popular ways of getting to school.





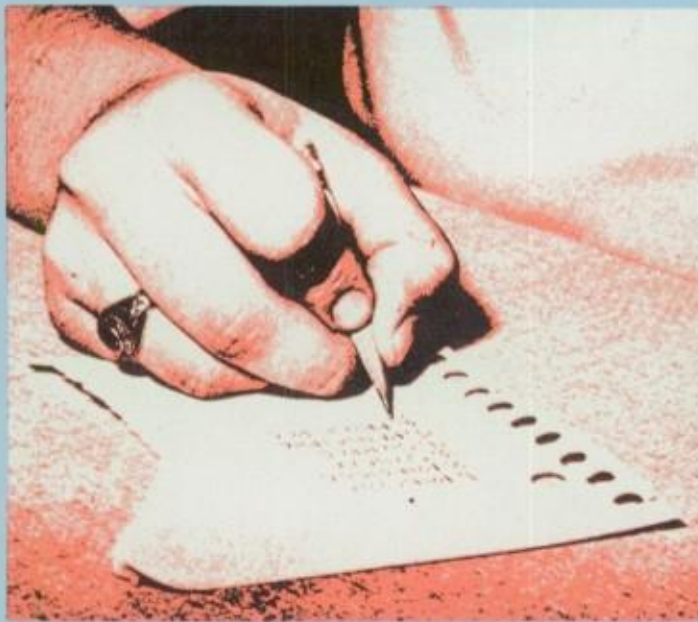
left: Arriving on the 'big yellow taxi,' Rebecca Pacheco, Steve Walker, Beryl Martinez, Manuel Rodriguez, Maria Sanchez, and Luis Martinez, look for friends as they prepare for another day at school.

below: Tim Walker prepares a submarine sandwich at his job at the Sub Hut.

lower right: Showing a T-bone steak to a customer, Alonzo Bryant 'learns the ropes' at Bell Mart.

lower left: Hitching a ride in Doug Gibson's truck, Gene Balentine, Rex Duke, Clayton Butler, Pete Adams, John Bettercourt, John Brughelli, Kevin Stanbaugh, and Dwight Hunnicut carry their instruments out to the football field to rehearse the band routine.





WHAT'S THE CATCH?



upper left: Students who come to class unprepared often have to 'bum' a scrap of paper and a stubby pencil for taking a test.
upper center: With the spiraling cost of living, students are discovering that clipping coupons is an advantageous way to save money.
center left: Shoppers such as Mr. Mike Kiyoi are wary of price mark-ups.
above: Art Fabela is stunned by the rising cost of gasoline as he takes advantage of the 'self-serve' island popular at most stations.

Remember when five dollars bought lunch for two weeks? Remember when your mom came home from shopping with a smile on her face? And remember when inflation meant blowing up an inner tube to swim with? Paying more for less is not new, for with each passing year more money is forked over for the same items, but of poorer quality. The words 'low rent' have become a term of reproach, aptly describing the effects of almost a decade of spiraling prices.

Practicing frugality became the smart way to get the most out of a dollar. Sale items and house brands were frequently purchased instead of selecting a popular brand name.

As their already-meager buying power was further eroded, suspicious students and teachers looked beyond the 'bargain offer' for hidden 'strings' and watched with skepticism the President's efforts to avoid a recurrence of double-digit inflation.

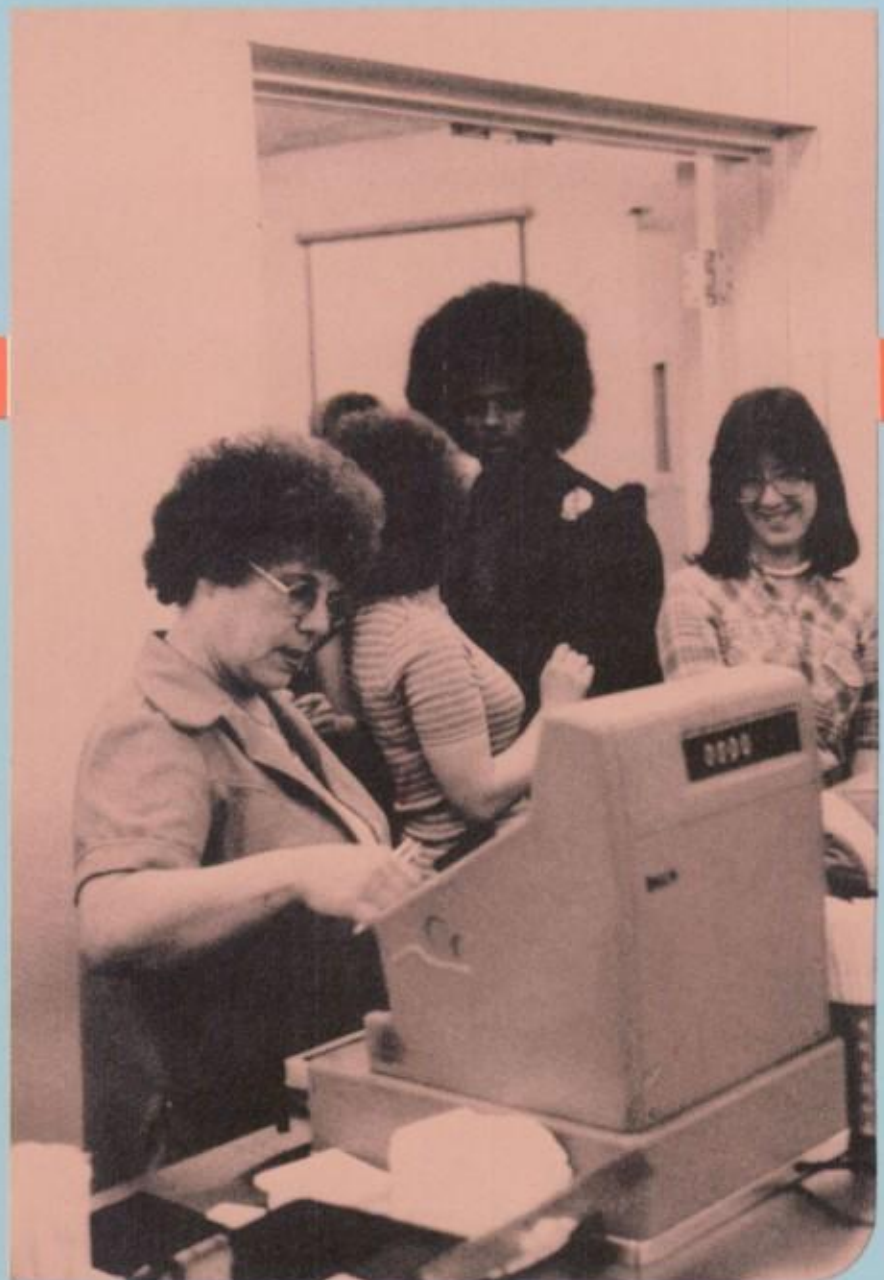


left: Mrs. Diane Dinsmore feels that twenty dollars doesn't buy a very big bag of groceries anymore.

below: New housing construction continues at a rapid pace, bringing ever-higher mortgage payments to prospective home buyers.



**Buy your Student
body package here** ↓



above: Cashier Mary Carpenter takes cash—or punches lunch tickets—as students Deanna Felser, Tony Quinn, and Raquel
left: Many thrifty students took advantage of the chance to buy a Student Body Package, which contained a student body card, discount-priced yearbook, and two free dance tickets.

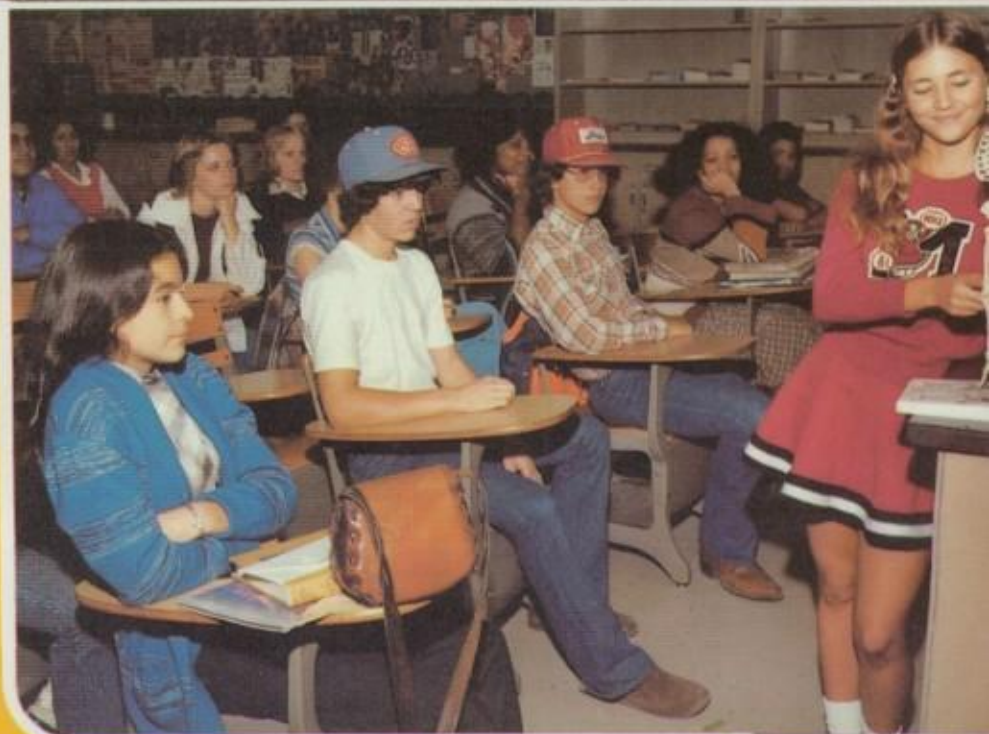
Whitehead find the cafeteria's hot lunches a bargain at fifty five cents.

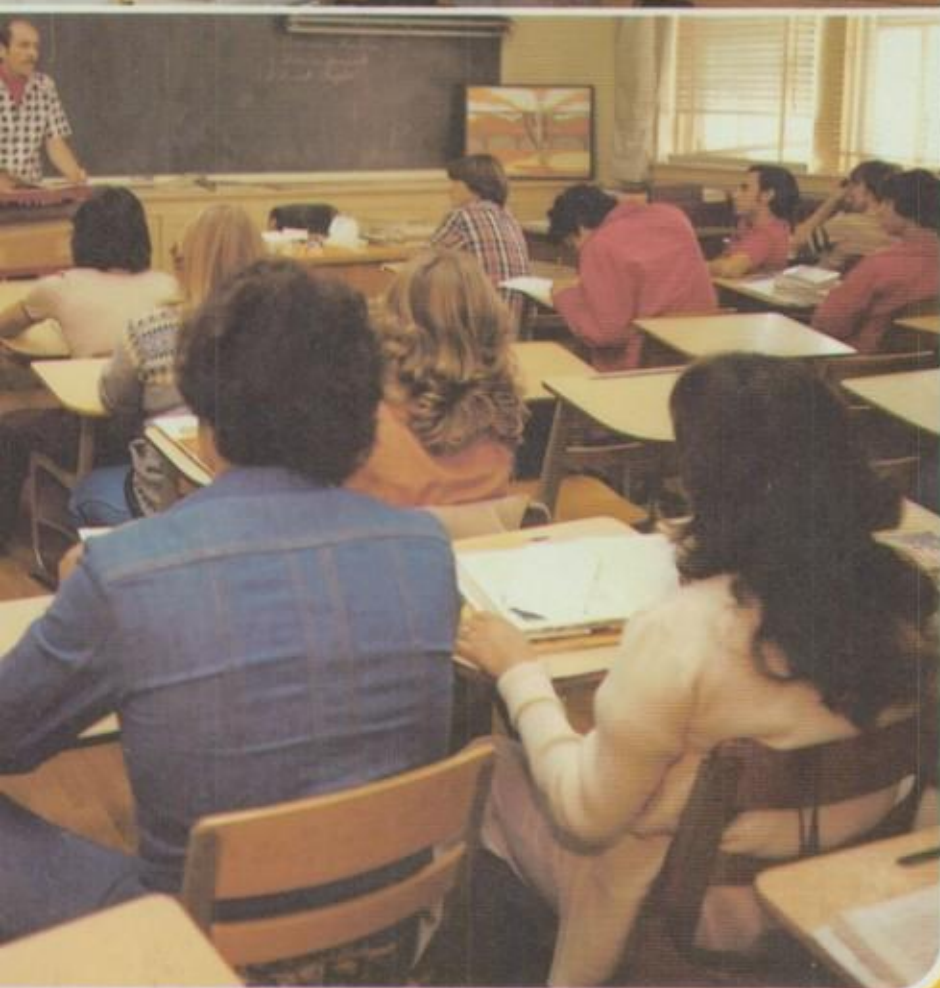
STICKIN' TOGETHER

Despite the fact that each individual class could have easily survived without the presence of one of the others, or all three, a close unity among students of all grade levels was one of the characteristics of 1979. At rallies, classes competed fiercely against one another, always attempting to out-do the hyper-spirited otherclassmen. Yet a fiercer, prouder loyalty was reserved for Modesto High itself, as students faced the 'outside world.'

Regarded more highly than others in the same class, outstanding individuals were chosen by the student body, balloting to express their opinions of who they believed was 'best.' Judged on achievement, looks, excellence, smile, and especially personality, choosing just one often proved a difficult task.

The feeling of new faculty members beginning to work in different surroundings can justly be compared to that felt by incoming students. Stumbling clumsily through unfamiliar names, but beginning to make friends describes what transpired among the staff additions. Given time to familiarize themselves with the friendly faces at MHS, they too soon felt at home.





upper left: 'Senior Citizens' Jessica Potts, Carol Sherman, Pam White, Desi Angle, Nina Satriles, and Kathy Kunkel enjoy the chance to reveal their future identities.

upper center: Seniors express themselves at the Queen's Rally (for list of names see page 283).

upper right: Kitty Corda serves a lunch tray for Mr. Ken Williams as Mr. Harlan Elving awaits his turn in line at the faculty cafeteria.

above: Freshmen world geography students, including Nazario Linhares, Petra Rosales, and Robert Gil, watch films in the cafeteria.

left: A group of juniors participates in an American History discussion in Mr. Loren Horton's class.

far left: Gina Furtado explains the anatomy of a friend in Health Ed class as Carlos Gracia, Priscilla Ortega, Dolores Chapa, Tamara Fletcher, Genise Felser, John Verissimo, Lesia Prescott, Clem Ott, Leah Gullatt, and Alfredo Leza concentrate on Gina.

Mrs. Marty Ashleigh
Board Member
BA—UCLA; teaching
credential—CSU Long
Beach
housewife, instructor
MJC evening school

Mr. John Uhl
Board Member
BS—Penn State U,
chemical engineer-
ing,
insurance agent

Mr. Anthony Bedford
Board Member
BA, MA—CSC,
Stanislaus
history instructor, MJC
and chairman, Dept.
of Behavioral and
Social Sciences

Dr. Bert C. Corona
Superintendent
MHS grad; AB, MA,
D Ed—UC
MCS superintendent
since 1966
MHS yearbook editor
1938

Mr. Robert C. Bienvenu
Board Member
BA—UC Berkley;
law degree—UOP
attorney

Mr. James C. Enochs
**Assistant Superinten-
dent, Curriculum**
MHS grad; BA—CSU San
Jose; MA—UC; Adm.
Cred.—UOP
MCS asst. supt. since
1975

Mrs. Harriet Kirschen
Board Member
MHS grad; Board
member since 1963
housewife

Mr. James W. Sherman
Principal
MA—UOP
enjoys work, golf,
fishing and MHS

Mr. Richard Patterson
Board Member
BS—U of Nevada,
industrial mgmt.
Director EOP, CSC,
Stanislaus

Mr. Ronald L. Hill
**Assistant Principal
Student Personnel**
MA—Loma Linda U,
couns. and psych.
member, Phi Delta
Kappa
enjoys work, bowling

Dr. Alan Vincent
Board Member
MHS grad; BS—Brigh-
Young; DDS—
Western Reserve U
Cleveland, Ohio
dentist

Mr. Daniel Caton
**Assistant Principal,
Instruction**
MA—COP
enjoys work, golf,
fishing



Mr. Michael Pelucca
**Business Manager,
Director of Student
Activities-Finance**
BA—CSC, Stanislaus
political science
enjoys fishing, hunting,
woodworking

Mr. Joseph A. Galindo
Dean of Students
MA—CSU, Chico
member, Phi Delta
Kappa
enjoys travel, furniture
building

Mr. Walter Baddell
Counselor
BA—UC; MA—UOP
advisor, CSF
Chairman, Elks Club
Scholarship Committee
President, Phi Delta
Kappa Educational
Fraternity

Mr. Joseph Fabela
Counselor
MA—CSU, Sacramento
co-sponsor MASA

Ms. Trudy Kamps
Counselor
MSW—U of Michigan

Ms. Sheridan King
Counselor
MEd—UC Santa
Barbara
enjoys riding, sailing,
skiing, painting,
sculpting, reading

Mr. Don Adams
Athletic Director
World Geography
MA—Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
head coach, varsity football
sponsor, Block M

Mrs. Eunice Kreuder
School Nurse
BS—Columbia Union College
president, Stanislaus County School Nurse Organization

Mr. Art Barba
Title I Coordinator
MA—CSC, Hayward
enjoys woodcraft, tennis, basketball

Mr. William Lewis
School Psychologist
BA—MS; CSU, San Jose

Ms. Vivian Hawkins
Title I Counsleor
MA—CSU, Fresno
enjoys sewing, swimming, bowling
professional artist

Mr. Manuel R. Palazuelos
Work Experience Counselor
BA—CSC, Sonoma
Member Northern San Joaquin Valley Chapter, CAWEE



Mrs. Lucinda Predmore
Librarian
MA—U of Arizona
history, education
enjoys flying, reading, knitting

Mrs. Mary Rose Shelton
Title I Nurse
MA—Chapman College
licensed Marriage, Family, and Child Counselor

Mr. Tom Smith
Agriculture
BS—CSU, Fresno
Director of Student Activities
Coordinator sponsor, FFA
enjoys gardening, gourmet cooking

PROFILE

Office desk and telephones for ex-varsity football coach

Resigning as head coach of the varsity football team when the season ended, Don Adams still plays a large role at MHS. By taking over the significant and vital position of Athletic Director from retired director David Laude, Mr. Adams remains an integral figure on campus. Managing money, transportation, and equipment, while organizing game schedules with other schools for all sports are just the most obvious of the many responsibilities that he confronts daily.

Experiencing something very different and unique after his resignation, Mr. Adams now watches students participate in various sports from a spectator's viewpoint, a refreshing change of pace after the pressure he has become accustomed to from his many years of coaching.

Football experience comes easy enough for Mr. Adams, who has played competi-

tively since he was a young teenager. As a 1954 graduate of MHS, he concentrated on football and swimming during his high school years. Continuing football in college, Adams also participated in track, wrestling, and boxing. Upon graduation he was scheduled to play football professionally, but his hopeful career was abruptly terminated even before it began, result of a plane crash. He returned to his alma mater after recovering, where he has taught and coached simultaneously since 1964.

In addition to still being an active member of the Booster Club, Mr. Adams' social activities include the Lion's Club and the Central California Coaches' Association.

As Athletic Director, Mr. Adams states that his goal for the coming year is to "help our sports teams win with honor, and continue to support Panther Pride for MHS."

below: Popular Varsity Football coach Don Adams reads from his script at a Rally shortly before being named Athletic Director.



Teachers face ax of budget cuts

Teachers exhibited an extraordinary amount of courage by bearing the aftermath of Proposition 13 as well as the confusion and frustration concerning the possible termination of many of the elective programs offered at the school. They were forced to 'make do' with fewer supplies while using older equipment that might normally have been discarded or replaced, and they succeeded so well that there was only minimal disruption to the quality of education offered at MHS.

If teachers had not remained after school to work as class advisors, coaches, and sponsors of student activities, most extracurricular programs would have been discontinued. But teachers continued to give unselfishly of their time to student groups and organizations, and supported school functions by participating in rallies, contributing to the numerous band activities and sales advertised on campus, and buying tickets

at games to support the student body.

Guiding students with patience and understanding, teachers were a daily part of students' lives, becoming something between second parents and babysitters, while at the same time remaining trusted friends. They provided sources of encouragement and inspiration, while possessing personalities and experiences as diverse as their students'.

Faculty members frequently offered invaluable suggestions and advice to teenagers concerned about "life after high school," or to those plagued with personal problems. Individual instructors possessed the unique ability to maintain an attitude of concern and care about their students, who held them in high regard. This mutual friendship and respect helped to retain the traditions of excellence at MHS despite a year of cutbacks and uncertainty.



above: While conversing with Mrs. Quinn, Mary Baker patiently awaits future students' enrolling in her English classes during the registration walkaround last fall.

Mr. Paul Abby
Physical Education
MS—Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
coach, soph football, soph basketball

Mr. Jim Autry
English
AB—CSU, San Francisco
advisor, Jr. Class, Analecta
coach, girls basketball

Miss Marilee Abercrombie
Business
BA—CSU, San Jose
sponsor, Business Club

Sgt. John Babb
Aeroscience
AA—San Joaquin
enjoys motor sports

Mr. Pritchard Amstutz
English
BD—Asbury Theological Seminary, Kentucky
ThM—Princeton Theological Seminary, New Jersey
enjoys golf, violin

Mrs. Mary Baker
English
MA—Washington State
advisor, Sr. Class
enjoys golfing, the bridge



Leanne Ballesteros
Dean's Assistant
enjoys skiing and fishing
Member City League softball team

Mr. Martin Boer
Careers, Athletics
BA—CSC, Stanislaus
head coach, varsity baseball; frosh football
enjoys golfing, hi fi softball, raquetball

Mrs. Phyllis Boteler
Art
BA—Calif. Col. Arts and Crafts
enjoys cooking, sketching, and painting

Ms. Celeste Brown
Ombudsperson
Counselor Service
sponsor, Youth
Service Bureau
enjoys art

Mr. Dennis Clark
Music
MA—CSC, Stanislaus
coach, tennis
enjoys music
and tennis
teaches piano

Mrs. Aileene Campbell
Chairman, Business
BA—CSC, Stanislaus
member, Phi Beta
Kappa
enjoys fishing,
camping, sewing

Mr. H. L. Clark
Social Science
MA—U of Tulsa
sponsor, Freshman
Class
coach, varsity track,
enjoys gardening,
reading

Mr. Tom Chagnon
Resource Specialist
MA—Notre Dame
coach, soph. baseball
former professional
baseball player for
Houston Astros and
Calif. Angels

Mr. Bobby Cole
Art, Health Ed, and PE
BA—CSC, Stanislaus
coach, varsity basket-
ball, frosh football
enjoys playing basket-
ball

below: Mrs. Fisher discovers the effect of not taking her Geritol tablet regularly during the Senior Citizen's Rally, at which faculty members entertained the students.



Mr. Russell Cosgrave
Chairman, Agriculture
MEd—UC Davis
sponsor, FFA
teaches ROP Welding

Mrs. Patricia Decker
Science
BA—CSU, Fresno
Member, American
Home Economics
Assn.
enjoys cooking,
sewing, traveling

Mrs. Diane Dinsmore
Math
BA—CSC, Stanislaus
member, Stanislaus Co.
Math Council
enjoys autos

Ms. Chris Eden
Dance
MA—US International U
teaches dance and
movement to ele-
mentary students

Mr. Harlan Elving
Wood
MA—CSC, Chico
union carpenter
enjoys yard work,
building furniture

Mr. Robert Escobar
Auto Mechanics
BS—CSU, Fresno
member, Mini Club of
America
enjoys being with his
family



above: Students Carl Skaggs, Gilbert Mendoza, and Rick Brown observe with interest as Dick Finn demonstrates the operation of this scale model live steam locomotive.

'All aboard' for model RR enthusiast

Imagine spending five years and hundreds of dollars building something you didn't even know for sure would work. That kind of dedication has paid off for woodshop teacher Richard Finn, who now spends his weekends riding his own scale model locomotive at the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers track.

Mr. Finn had some basic metal courses in college but did not consider himself very skillful as a machinist when he started out, and he had to teach himself many of the processes he needed to know. "I have a garage full of parts that didn't quite come out right," he admits ruefully. Yet he feels that he learned a lot of history in the process; for instance, many of the designs later incorporated into the automobile were 'solved' on the locomotive. "I have a lot of respect for the steam engine and the locomotive. It's a highly sophisticated piece of machinery."

Building the one-to-one scale model (one inch equals one foot) has kept Mr. Finn involved in the various aspects of industrial education, and last fall he became department chairman, responsible for metal, auto, electronics, and graphic arts as well as his own woodshop classes.

Mr. Finn comes by his interest naturally enough, with both his father and grandfather long-time railroad

fans. Some of his earliest memories were of Lionel and HO models, and he was about to set up his own layout when he saw a magazine article advocating 'build your own live steam locomotive.' He decided to try it, choosing as his model a '1501 Northern' type of locomotive which ran on the Lackawanna Line near his home in New Jersey, making its last run in 1953 when he was seven years old.

After five years of planning, building, dismantling, and re-building, his steam locomotive was first fired up in 1976. What a thrill! "I used to take it up to Sacramento and push it around the track, but this time it pulled me around!" He spent that first weekend with his tool box close at hand, tightening and re-aligning the thousands of bolts which hold the engine together. And, of course, there's still a lot to do before the machine is 'finished.' For instance, there are rows and rows of rivets still to be attached on the body of the tender. Each one must be hand-set, a laborious, time-consuming job.

Mr. Finn is unsure how much farther he will go in building scale model rolling stock. He keeps in touch with three or four other enthusiasts in Modesto, and some in Stockton. His problem in building more equipment, he explains, is that "I just like puttin' my hat on and playin' trains!"

Mr. Riley Estebrook
Migrant English Teacher
BA—North Texas State
with a specialization in Spanish, French, and English

Mr. Karl L. Finch
Health Ed.
BS—Cal Poly, Pomona
asst. coach varsity football
enjoys church activities and all sports

Mr. Tyron Farley
Resource Specialist
BA—CSU, Chico
sponsor, Chess Club
MTA representative

Mr. Richard Finn
Chairman Industrial Education Woodcraft
BA—Montclair State College, New Jersey
sponsor, VICA
enjoys woodworking large scale live steam railroading, and flying



Mrs. Joan Fisher
Biology
BA—CSC, Stanislaus
enjoys sewing, reading, swimming

Ms. Sharon Fowler
Title I Specialist, English
BA—UC Berkely
sponsor, Sr. Class

Mr. LeRoy Giovannoni
Chairman, Art and PE
MA—CSC, Stanislaus
sponsor, School Service
Art
enjoys snow skiing,
water skiing, scuba
diving

Mr. Larry Hines
Drafting
BA—CSU, Fresno
advisor, VICA
enjoys guitar,
travel, flying
wood working

Mr. Edward Gonsalves
Math
BS—U of San Francisco
member, CTA State
Council, CTA Advisory
Panel on Insurance,
and MTA Board of
Directors

Mrs. Diana Holtz
Needlecraft
BA—CSC, Sacramento
sponsor, S Club

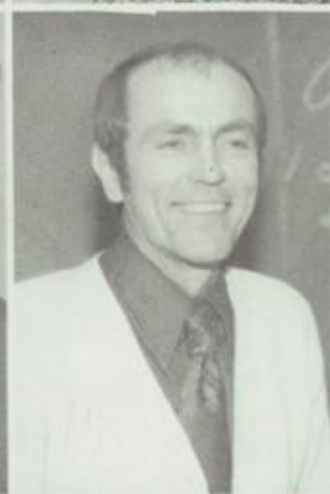
Mr. Manuel C.
Gonsalves
**Government,
American History**
BA—UC Berkely
member, Phi Beta,
Kappa, MTA Board of
Directors
sponsor, Chess club
enjoys gardening,
reading, traveling

Mr. Loren Horton
History
MA—U of Redlands
enjoys music and
cooking

Mr. William Han
Special Education
BS—J.B. Stetson U

Mr. Robert Head
Speech Therapist
MA—CSC, Stanislaus
in Communication
Pathologies
enjoys fast music,
fast cars, etc.

Mrs. Joanne Henry
Physical Education
BS—Bemidja State
Col. Minnesota
enjoys gardening
and macrame



Mr. Tom Hughes
**Resource Specialist,
Migrant Education**
BA—CSU, Fullerton
Member Am. Assn.
Teachers of Spanish
and Portugese
enjoys travel

Mr. Leonard Kaiser
Driver Ed and PE
BA—Nebraska State
head coach, cross
country and track

Mr. James V. Kenyon
English
MA—U of Oregon
sponsor Jr. Class
enjoys duplicate bridge

above: Mrs. Bertha West wets her whistle with a refreshing glass of cider at the Renaissance Faire.

PROFILE

Early win deals English teacher in with competitive bridge

"Beginner's luck" is how English teacher James Kenyon terms his first win at a duplicate bridge tournament. The victory provided enough incentive for him to start playing cards competitively, and has subsequently kept him actively involved in bridge.

Duplicate bridge, a variation of party bridge, is the official card game played by the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL), a national organization of which Mr. Kenyon and his wife Linda are members.

The ACBL sponsors four tournaments weekly at the YMCA in Modesto. Mr. Kenyon and his wife play bridge socially twice a week. Friday evenings at the "Y" and Tuesday nights in Turlock are spent strengthening the skill necessary for competing at regional tournaments located in cities such as San Francisco, Fresno, and Reno.

To participate in the North American Spring Championships, a national tournament held in 1976, Mr. Kenyon drove to Pasadena, the longest distance he has traveled to compete in bridge so far.

The League awards points to winners in local, regional, and national tournaments to determine players' official league standings. By earning three hundred points, players achieve the rating of Life Master. Mr. Kenyon attained this distinction in 1977, and as Life Master, he car-

ries a gold card recognizing his achievement and exempting him from organizational dues.

Having reached the most honored position possible on a competitive level, Mr.

Kenyon concludes that his reasons for continuing to play tournament bridge are that he "enjoys the spirit and challenge of stiff competition," and that he realizes "the importance of striving for improvement and perfection."

below: Card shark James Kenyon enjoys one of his favorite pastimes, playing a hand as high bidder in a competitive bridge evening at the YMCA.



Miss Dolores Killam
Chairman, Physical Education
BA—CSU, Sacramento
sponsor, Ski Club
coach, tennis teams
films football games
enjoys woodworking,
tennis, skiing



Mr. Mike Kiyoi
Business
BS—CSU, Fresno
coach; football,
wrestling, track



Mrs. Martha W. Knight
English
MA—CSC, Stanislaus
member, Delta Kappa
Gamma
sponsor, American
Indian Club
enjoys writing, garden-
ing, cooking, piano,
golf



Mr. Jack Koski
Adaptive PE
BA—USC, Fresno



Mr. Louis Lacoste
Math
BA—CSU, Sacramento
'walnut king of
Modesto'



Mr. Marvin Lambert
Special Education
BA—East Central State
College, Oklahoma
teaches outdoor class

Mr. Vincent Lane
Title I Specialist, Math
BA—CSU, Sacramento
enjoys golf, jogging

Mr. John Miller
**Social Science
and Athletics**
MA—Eastern
Michigan U
coach, wrestling,
soph football
enjoys camping, travel,
fishing

Ms. Carolyn Leathers
Gymnastics, PE
BA—UC Berkeley
coach, girls gymnastics
yell and song leaders
enjoys camping,
softball, reading

Mr. Loren Nyman
Agriculture
BS—CSU, Fresno
sponsor, FFA

Ms. Gloria Lopez
**Chairman, Home Ec;
and ESL**
MEd—U of San
Francisco
sponsor, Bake Shop

Mr. R. L. Owen
English
BA—MacMurray
College
sponsor, NFL
enjoys backpacking,
fishing, and home
repairs

Mr. Marvin Lundquist
World Geography
BA—Western Wash-
ington State College
advisor, Freshman
Class
enjoys hiking, reading,
music, book
collecting

Mr. Rick Paderes
Orchestra
BM—UOP
member, CODA, CMEA
enjoys fishing, bowling,
photography

Mr. John McCaffery
Business
BS—U of San Francisco
enjoys handball, tennis
racketball,
volleyball, hiking and
biking

Ms. Andrea McGhee
**Chairman, Foreign
Language**
BA—CSU, Stanislaus
member, Delta Kappa
Gamma
sponsor, American
Field Service
enjoys bridge, travel
cooking, sports



Mr. M. H. Peterson
Special Education
A—Concordia College

Mr. Herbert Poddig
**Chairman, Physical
Education**
AB—UC Berkeley
coach, golf team

Dr. David Rancano
**ESL Coordinator,
English**
LD—U of Havana, Cuba
sponsor, MASA
president, Hispanic
American Society

Mrs. Judy Remmers
French, Clothing
BA—Gustavus Adol-
phus College
sponsor, French Club

above: Mrs. Yvonne Wilson and Mr. Manuel Palazuelos perform their roles as Senior Citizens at the faculty rally, while Mrs. Maridale Smith gives her oath to a long-lived senility.

below: Yearbook advisor Mr. James Shuman expresses one of his many disappointed looks at the Sycamore staff during one of the endless night meetings.



Mr. Clinton Rigaud
English
MA—CSU, San Francisco
member, MTA, CTA, NCTE

Mr. John C. Sample
Chairman, Social Science; Am. History
BS—U of Wisconsin, member, Phi Delta Kappa
assistant announcer, football and baseball
enjoys photography
MHS Chairman, PTA
Honorary chapter member FFA

Mr. Willard M. Ripley
Auto Mechanics
BA—CSU, Fresno
District VICA Advisor
enjoys snow skiing, old car collection

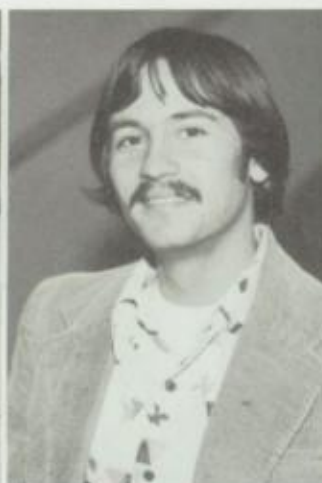
Col. Jacob Schales
Aeroscience
BS—Louisiana State
sponsor, AFJROTC
enjoys lapidary, jewelry

Mr. Pete Rocha
Deans assistant
BS—CSU, Chico
coach frosh baseball
enjoys fishing, softball

Mr. Odell Scott
Chairman Science
MS—Brigham Young U and Arizon State U
member, LDS (Mormon) Church
sponsor, Science Club

Mr. Gary Runsten
Chairman, Music
MM—U of Michigan
sponsor, Pep Band

Mr. Vincent Sereno
Graphic Arts
BA—MA CSU, Fresno
enjoys photography, fishing, travel, sports



Mr. James Shuman
Photojournalism, English, and Yearbook
MA—CSC, Stanislaus
sponsor, Sycamore and Art Club
enjoys art, gardening, writing poetry

Mrs. Maridale Smith
German
BA—US Berkeley
Sponsor, German Club

Mrs. Marjorie Stuhlman
Chairman, Math
AB—CSU, San Jose
sponsor, Math Club

Mr. Paul F. Tischer
English, Drama
MA—CSC, Stanislaus
enjoys camping, skiing, traveling
director, Modesto Youth Theatre

Mr. Kenneth Tisdell
Spanish
BFA—U of Utah
music and Spanish
plays music professionally, entire family are musicians

Mr. Bob Vanoy
Science
MA—U of Highland
coach, football, basketball, track
enjoys fishing, camping

PROFILE

Mr. Robert L. Welch
Reading LH/EH
MA—U of Iowa
member, Phi Delta
Kappa 1068

Mr. John Whitaker
Government
MA—Columbia U
Member, ACLU,
Common Cause
announcer for football
games
Senior Class Advisor

Mrs. Bertha West
English, Newspaper
BA—CSC, Stanislaus
sponsor, Soph. Class,
Broadcast
enjoys reading,
refinishig furniture

Mr. Kenneth Williams,
Chairman, English; and
Journalism
BA—CSC, Stanislaus
co-author of 'Voices in
Literature'
district resource person
for language arts
development, K-12



Mrs Yvonne Wilson
Physical Education
AB—UC Berkeley
coach, volleyball,
softball

Mr. William Yard
Metal Shop and PE
BA—CSC, Chico
coach boys, gymnastics
enjoys photography,
kayaking



above: Math teacher Diane Dinsmore stands proudly among her fine collection of autos.

right: Periodic waxing and frequent tune-ups have kept Mrs. Dinsmore's Jaguar in excellent condition.



'Mrs. Goodwrench' tunes up love life

When asked if she would go through all of the problems and sacrifices of courtship again, without skipping a beat math teacher Diane Dinsmore enthusiastically replies, "Yes!" The chain of events leading to her marriage in 1961 exemplifies the undaunting and unsuppressible spirit of a woman guided by love.

Her greasy-turned-romantic story began over eighteen years ago, when she concluded that the only possible way of getting the attention of her car-possessed boyfriend was to literally, "...get down under there and help the guy." This unique approach led to two results. First, he finally noticed her, which ultimately led to their marriage in March of 1961. The second was that all of those afternoons spent under-the-hood had had a noticeable effect on her. She was genuinely hooked on cars...as well as her recently-harnessed husband, Donald.

Claiming her ability at body work, Mrs. Dinsmore's second love has offered her the chance to race on a few occasions. "The experience was well worth it," reflects Mrs. Dinsmore on her races, in which she was timed

while weaving between situated Tylon cones, driving the Dinsmores' homemade 1968 Autocross.

Along with acquiring two daughters, Kristy and Cindy, Mrs. Dinsmore also came to possess, at present, four autos of which she is extremely proud. A list of the autos that she once owned resembles the car lot of an import and domestic dealer.

Her sleek, jet black 1963 Jaguar XKE has distinguished her as one of the more prestigious faculty members on campus, while winning for her a first place award during last spring's VICA car show. Two additional sports cars, a 1977 Honda Accord, and a 1973 MG Midget, coupled with the family car, a 1965 Chrysler New Yorker, comprise the Dinsmore auto collection.

Cars and racetracks aren't the Dinsmores' only diversities. A massive yacht-like boat that the family is currently piecing together occupies a large portion of the backyard. Driving by the home, one inevitably notices the protruding mast and deck propped up behind a fence, resembling an abandoned, sail-less ship. Undoubtedly, the Dinsmores make an unusual group of neighbors.

Buses, brooms, baking, filing serve students' daily needs

Suffering a severe cutback in custodial staff, the custodians had time to clean rooms only once every second day. The result of Proposition 13 restrictions, custodians without seniority received semi-permanent layoffs and were forced to search for other jobs. Rooms were hastily swept, had their garbage cans dumped, and the doors and windows checked before the minimum crew moved on.

Arriving at 4:00 every morning, the cafeteria staff made fresh cinnamon rolls and glazed them hot out of the ovens. Serving orange juice, cinnamon rolls, milk and cookies, breakfast was served to many who arrived early without eating at home. The 15-minute nutrition break begun last year was continued, with many more students 'grabbing a bite' of breakfast snack, and 11:40 brought out the endless hot-lunch and snack-bar lines. After cleaning up, the cafeteria staff ended their day by 12:40.

Clerical staff gained numbers through the help of CETA, thereby keeping service staff numbers at nearly the same level as last year. Typing reports, filing records, and encompassing positions from principal's secretary to registrar to bookkeeper to clerk, many offices and desks were occupied by new members. Handling problems such as directing lost freshmen to classes and helping seniors with scholarship applications, the clerical staff was visible to all students at one time or another.

Enduring rain, fog, sunflower seeds, spit wads, and noise, noise, the bus drivers faithfully drove rural students miles to school each day, although their "walking distance" was extended another half-mile out from school. With new students attending from the Salida Elementary area, routes were lengthened and these students rode two different buses each day.



above: Special Education Aide Sandi Hardenbrook goes over workbook exercises with student Steve Berry.

Karen Adams
Special Ed. Aide

Margaret Barboza
Title I Aide



Velma Anderson
Title I Aide

Hazel Bates
Title I Aide



Betty Armstrong
English Department
Secretary

John Blackman
Special Ed. Aide



Eddie Bolden
Title I Aide

Sandy Chambers
Work Experience
Clerk



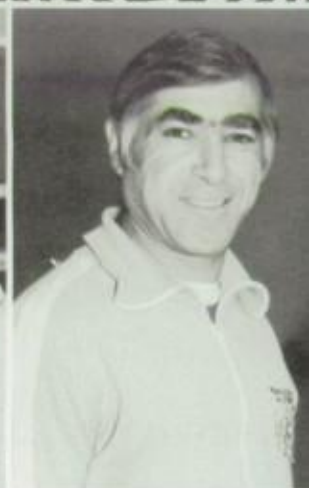
Mary Cabral
Migrant Ed Aide

Polly Cowins
Title I Aide



Irene Carranza
Title I Aide

Edison David
CETA, Boys PE
soccer coach



Teresa Fechner
Attendance Clerk

Sharon Fujii
Bookroom Clerk

Teresa Fryer
Title I Aide

Lee Gable
Title I Aide

below, Cafeteria Staff, front row: Jeane Lewis, Donna Hathcock, Pat Hildreth, Kitty Corda, Mary Carpenter, Lena Walker, Alyce Souza. **second row:**

Elsie Silveria, Esther Grossman, Lucille Thompson, Sandra Orique, Helen Calabrese, Rachael Jobe, Mary Anny Durvey, Urte Carne.



Dolores Garcia
Special Ed. Aide

Elaine Hoover
Bookkeeper

Alice George
CETA, Girls PE

Virginia Keller
CETA Aide
Attendance office

Susan Griggs
CETA - Rm. 5

Jacqueline Kranich
Attendance Clerk

Clara Hansen
Title I Clerk

Alene Lander
Attendance Clerk

Sandi Hardenbrook
Special Ed. Aide

Nancy Lawrence
CETA Aide
Attendance Office

Diane Holmes
CETA Aide
Main Office

Sally Lawson
Title I Aide

PROFILE

Librarian escapes from books, heads for river recreation

Whether or not a parallel exists between fishing and being a library assistant, Jan Seabrook has found the sport challenging and downright fun; she and her husband often get away on weekends to camp and fish.

Starting at the age of 14, Jan found that fishing provided the opportunity to be with friends and neighbors. Once she chose to take fishing seriously, the hobby took time to learn about the different available rods, reels, and lines as well as the results of using various baits.

Mrs. Seabrook has discovered that the peaceful surroundings of a lake, river, or stream are one of the greatest pleasures, whether experienced with her husband, family, or alone, and camping near her fishing location is her favorite way to spend the trip.

One of her favorite places to take her husband is to a run in Humboldt County to fish steel head, and the two of them usually occupy one or two weeks with continuous fishing. In addition, they often go back packing, and split up to more thoroughly explore the area, searching for other fishing spots while

using walkie-talkies to communicate with each other.

Disliking contests since most of her fishing is catch-and-release, Mrs. Seabrook enjoys using the small streams in the Sierras. She finds lures, salmon eggs, and worms as the best and most successful baits to use there. Locally, she finds the Stanislaus River more enjoyable in a boat.

Heavy and tiresome equipment is the reason Mrs. Seabrook gives for rarely fishing in salt water, admitting that her favorite fish is the steel head. She already owns most of the tackle that she needs: several various rods and reels in addition to a fly rod and many flies and lures. One object that she hopes to own is a canoe or river raft, which would expand the possibilities of utilizing different and otherwise inaccessible fishing holes.

right: MHS Librarian Mrs. Jan Seabrook, having the unusual hobby of fishing, regularly checks her gear for an unanticipated fishing invitation.



Elvera Lopez
Migrant Ed Aide



Marcy Matson
Principal's Secretary



Gloria McCoy
Counseling Office
Secretary



Debra McGee
Special Ed. Aide



Darlene Meiselman
Computer Clerk



Kathy Overgaard
School Receptionist

Lucille Paul
Records Clerk

Loretta Redlew
Migrant Ed Aide



Judith Presley
Special Ed. Aide

Janis Seabrook
Library Clerk



Rhonda Prybyloski
YEP Coordinator

Ursula Spafford
Title I Aide



below, Custodians, front row: Hubert Blake (evening supervisor), Joe Morales, Gladys Bashline, Roy Flint, Clyde Roden. **second row:** Bill Poulos, Gary Renfro, Jewel De Jong, Tim Copenhaver, Paul Van Houten. **back row:** Frank Rowton, Bill Thomas, Claudell Spivey, Rick Vinson, Bill Fox (head custodian).



Beve Streeter
Career Center
Assistant

Jill Van Norman
CETA, Career Center

Pandora Taylor
CETA, Girls' PE

Karen Van Sandt
School Secretary

Lillian Thorne
Att. Off. Aide

Steven Wilson
CETA, Science

above, Bus Drivers, front row: Leon Alton, Ray Huckabay, Rex Owen, Lee Roy Ogburn. **second row:** Joe Ibarra, Bill Bossard, Bill Welker.

Senior interests diverge during year

With mixed emotions, members of the Class of 1979 completed their final year at MHS. Most students were saddened by the thought of leaving high school and the security it afforded, but at the same time were eager to get out and face the world. With four years of exciting events and new experiences behind them, the Class of '79 will remember their senior year with fondness.

Seniors began the year with controversy over where to go on the Senior Trip: Disneyland or Hawaii. After two large class meetings, with representatives from both sides speaking out on the matter, the class decided in favor of the traditional Disneyland trip. Those still wishing to go to Hawaii formed a coalition and made plans for their excursion, set for the first two weeks in July. The students going to Disneyland raised funds by selling placemat ads for the Senior Dinner, as well as organizing and working at the dinner itself, which was unfortunately unsuccessful. The spring semester marked a change in the thoughts and attitudes of many seniors. Mid-term graduates, seniors who had concurrent schedules at Modesto Junior College, and students with full or part-time jobs all began to understand what life is like after high school. They had the responsibility of paying many of the costs pertinent to their senior year, such as portraits, announcements, caps and gowns, college aptitude tests, college

Finals added pressure to the strain of striving for good grades, but realizing that summer was just a few days away, seniors somehow managed to muster up enough strength to carry them through the remaining week of school.

Yet, considering that only a week before, students impatiently, anxiously awaited the final bell of the day at 2:10, the bell terminating school for the summer came as no phenomenon for most. Likewise, students lingered in the courtyard, seemingly without hurry or haste, realizing that this would be the last time to associate with friends for the summer, or in many cases, for an indefinite period of time. This feeling of departure, of finality, made many seniors hate to leave MHS. With the graduation ceremony only one day away, seniors experienced that in-between sensation of hating to leave and wanting to move on—both at the same time.

As the formality of graduation ended with cheers, clicking cameras, flying caps, and the switching of tassles, seniors . . . that is, young adults, realized with a sense of achievement and importance that MHS was the most rewarding high school that they could have attended. The pains, frustrations, joys, laughs, good times and bad, all suddenly became insignificant in relation to the undefined future that each graduate anticipated, and would be remembered fondly as times of growth, change, and maturity.



applications, and numerous other expenses.

Toward the end of the year, the bulk of the senior class contracted a chronic case of 'senioritis,' which left them feeling restless and bored with school, and proved highly contagious. While many students took off to the lake during class time, others saw the need for hard study so that their last MHS report card would be rewarding.

upper right: Arthur Fabela proudly shows off his hula outfit on Hawaiian Day.

opposite page, center: Deidre Bradford works confidently on her government final.

right: Chuck Hale receives an award for track excellence from Mr. Adams at the Awards Assembly.

above, spring Senior Class Officers: Ron McManis, treasurer; Keith Watts, vice president; Deana Crook, secretary; Joe Schoonover, president.





left, Senior Class Advisors: Mr. Rodney Owen, Mrs. Sharon Fowler, Mr. Manuel Gonsalves, Mr. John Whitaker, and Mrs. Diane Dinsmore.

below: Disneyland's Magic Kingdom kept students busy all night long on the Senior Trip.



above: Ty Angle concentrates on winning the Banana Eating Contest during Spirit Week.

left, fall Senior Class Officers: Linda Isoni, president; Terri Carlton, vice president; Sandy O'Dell, secretary; Dena Avila, treasurer.

Five perfect GPA's lead seniors in pursuit of scholastic excellence

Drive, determination, and dedication are required to achieve excellence in any field. Outstanding scholastic ability is a goal which few are able to achieve, despite the efforts many students put forth, for faithfully completing homework assignments and studying adequately before tests requires more time and concentration than most students are willing to devote.

Scholastic excellence is often considered the key to success in future careers. The fourteen students on these pages, led by an unprecedented five perfect GPA's, have demonstrated their scholastic abilities

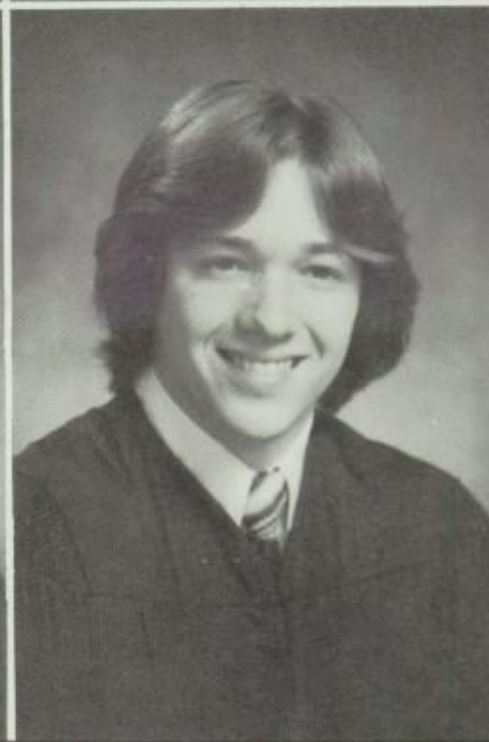
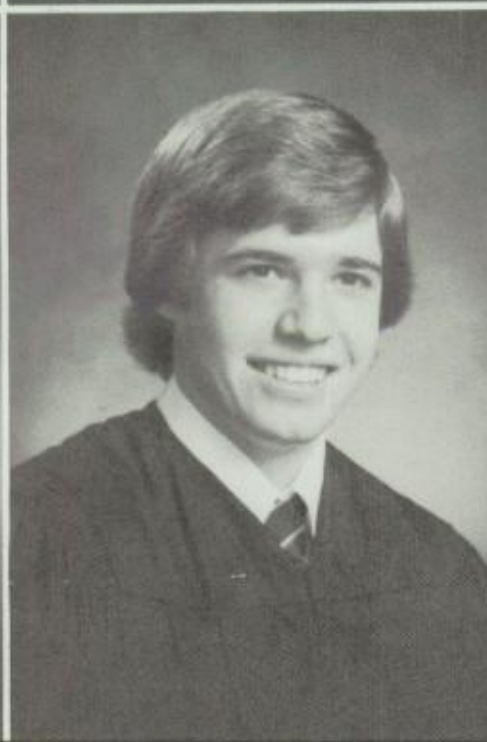
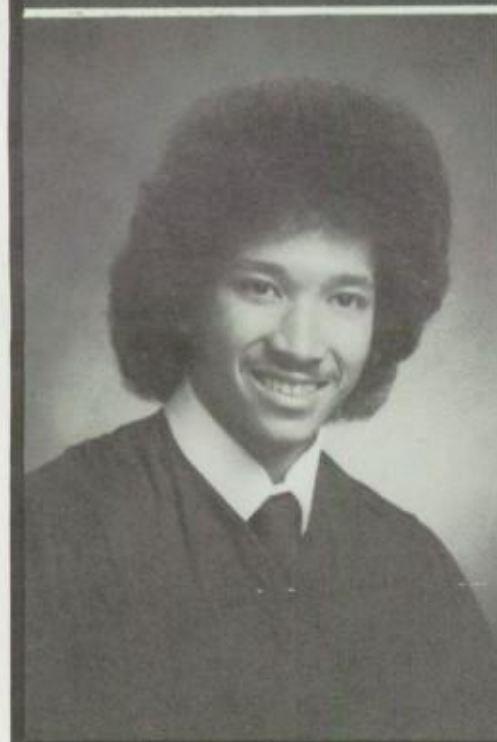
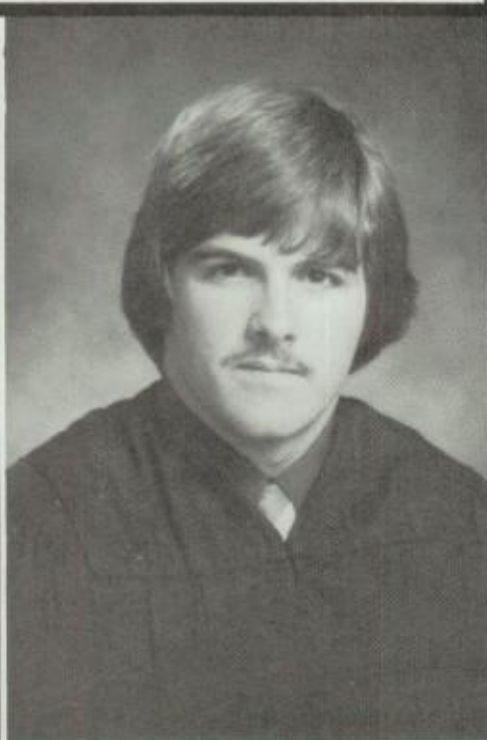
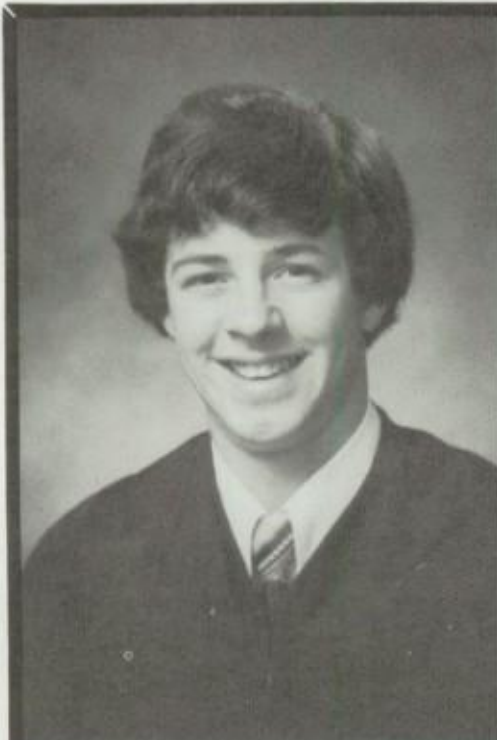
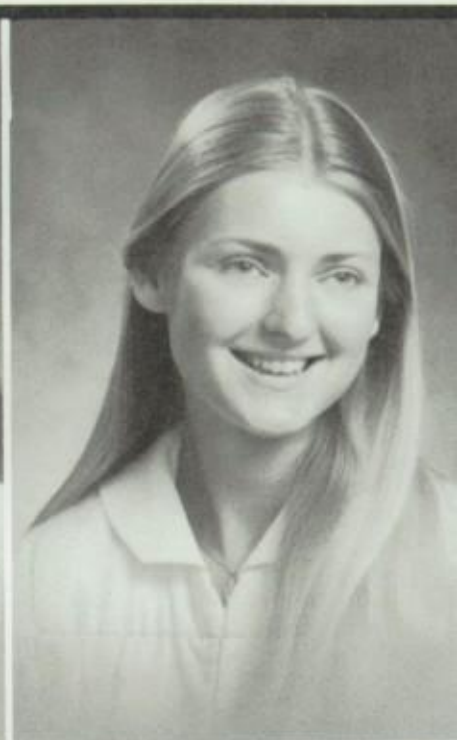
throughout four years of high school; but they started long before to relate learned skills to the dreams and talents of their personal goals in an effort to penetrate the obstacles of everyday life.

They have also been in the forefront of the competition for scholarships and other college financial assistance. Enduring four hours of multiple-choice questions on the Scholastic Aptitude Test was only the beginning, as they filled out endless forms and wrote numerous essays on a variety of topics in an effort to gain acceptance from the college or university of their choice.

Colette Avila
4.000



Rebecca Couchman
4.000



Curtis Escobar
3.909

Dell Lopez
3.718

Dan May
3.848

Bill Strohm
3.718

Mike McCombs
3.737

Russell Lusk
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Sue Van Duyn
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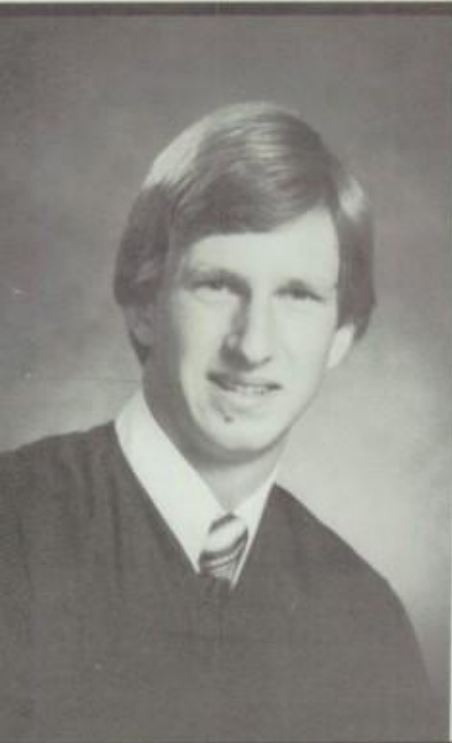
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Frank Gwerder
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Lois Hunnicutt
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Sherril Sather
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Kathy Fernandes
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Colette Avila, Dan May rated 'Most Likely to Succeed' by class

left: Colette Avila and Dan May were chosen the seniors Most Likely to Succeed.
below: Colette works to complete a homework assignment in Masterpieces.



above: Danny hurries to finish an involvement paper for Government.

Earning outstanding grades throughout their high school education while finding time for involvement in extra-curricular activities has helped Colette Avila and Dan May to stand at the front of the Senior Class.

Maintaining a high grade point average for all four years of high school demands time, effort, and striving dedication. These elements were obviously a significant part of Colette's and Dan's high school years.

Enrolled in such courses as masterpieces, advanced algebra, foreign languages, chemistry, and physics, they were required to devote many hours to serious study. Yet these students also managed to find time for involvement in a varied range of extra-curricular activities.

Dan, one of the most talented athletes in the Senior Class, excelled in football and basketball throughout high school. Colette held such honored positions as varsity songleader, student council secretary, CSF member, and an active rally exec member, while also taking on a position outside of school as 4-H Club secretary.

The ability to be dedicated to more than one activity at once is one of the characteristics of successful people. More importantly, one must want to learn and explore the many aspects of life. Colette and Dan have demonstrated these qualities among their peers, who therefore recognized them as Most Likely to Succeed.

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Being actively involved in a variety of activities throughout high school is a claim few students are able to make, and although becoming a class

'Most Service' award merited for outstanding contributions

**Deana Crook,
Curtis Escobar
lead class in
involvement**

officer or rally commissioner is usually a thankless task, those students willing to assume the job accepted being unnoticed for the sense of accomplishment and pride that

came upon completion. Their willingness to share their time involved in an activity was often misinterpreted, as the apathetic and easy-going members of the group leaned on them heavily to relieve their own personal responsibility. Yet keeping groups actively working on various projects was their main concern, since devoting time to school activities directly benefited the student body.

Both Curtis Escobar and Deana Crook have tackled numerous time-consuming positions at MHS. Deana has been a class officer, student council member, and spiritleader. In her senior year she has served as both fall and winter Rally Commissioner, helping to bolster sagging MHS spirit.

Curtis has been a member of Marching Band and debate, served on the student curriculum committee, anti-litter committee, and Inter-High Council, and served as president of CSF.

Since beginning as freshmen in 1976, their eagerness to aid in nearly all areas has gained them both respect and admiration from their peers, earning for them the title, Most Service to the School.

upper left: Deana Crook makes telephone arrangements with the Pepsi Company for refreshments at the Senior Dinner.

upper right: Curtis Escobar spends his lunch period in the cafeteria, planning a rally.

right: Curtis Escobar and Deana Crook gave the Most Service to the School.



**Susan Adams
Lynn Adkins
Tammy Agundez
Jennifer Alarid**





William Albert
Jose Alberto
Pete Alberto



Leo Alfaro
Kimberly Allen
Alex Amador



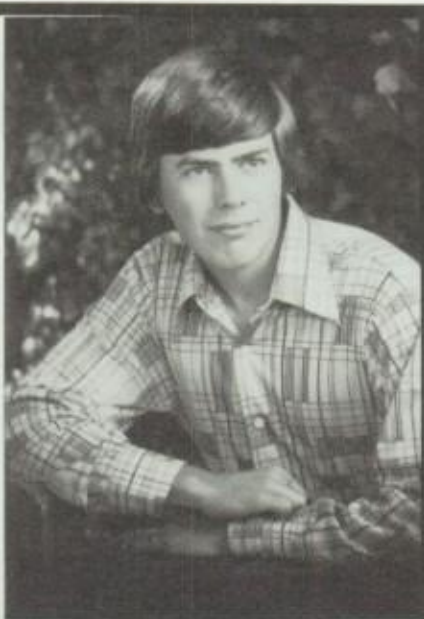
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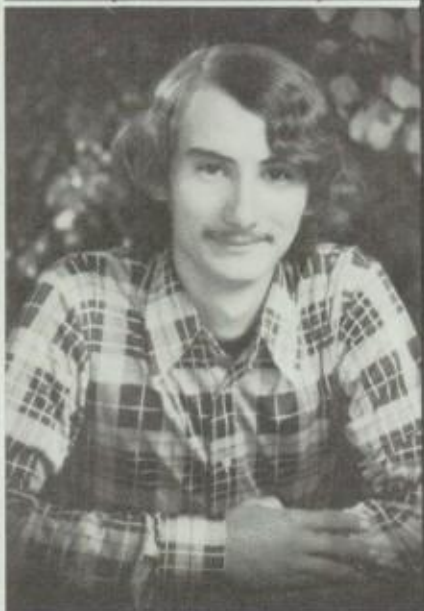
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Tammy Atchison
Colette Avila
Dena Avila



Richard Ayala
Steven Babb



Philip Bailey
Anthony Baptista



Esther Barrera
Bryan Bell



Maisie Bell
Robetta Bell
Kara Bentsen
Steve Bertozzi



Senior year recalled as final attempt to enjoy adolescence

The last year at Modesto High is one that most seniors will remember for the rest of their lives.

Although it was a very happy one for many, others felt it was just a waste of time. Guys generally liked watching the girls go by, while the girls liked getting dressed up for them and enjoyed the looks they received. Participating in sports, working on a favorite activity in a class or after school, sneaking off with a friend to party, or just sitting out in the courtyard talking and laughing; they were all fun times that will be recalled for many years with both tears and smiles. ↗

from 'kickin back' to 'gettin it together,' the final year was important for all



Upper left: Ron McManis and Ron Terra enjoy an off-campus lunch at nearby Gary's Drive Inn.

Left: Mark Ferguson, Rod Wright, Brian Cooper, and Ty Angle hear about how to fill out financial aid forms for MJC during a senior meeting.

Above left: Dan Borba goes all the way to support his partner in a log-sawing contest during FFA week.

Above right: Leah Gullat is overcome with laughter while Kathy Gullat ignores the situation as they eat lunch in the courtyard.



Nathan Bettencourt



Rosa Blanco



Roland Blankenship



Chris Boday
Fred Bomar
Steve Bonzi
Dan Borba

Patty Bowman
Deidre Bradford
Joe Brasil
Victor Brasil
Bob Breazeale
Carol Buckley



Stacey Burkes
Danny Cagle
Rhett Calkins
Salvador Cardenas



Terry Carlton
Eli Castaneda
Julie Chambers
Melinda Christensen



John Christopherson
Felicia Cisneros
Nancy Clark
Karyn Clark





above: Tony Quinn prepares a mouth-watering apple pie in the Bake Shop.

left: Seniors Deidre Bradford and Linda Isoni offer dessert with inviting grins to guests at the Senior Dinner.

below: Russell Lusk lets his true personality slip out on Crazy Day.
lower left: Robert Stack (RJ) adjusts the distributor point gap while in the Advanced Auto Class.

Seniors disliked some things about MHS, such as no towels in the gym and having to attend all the classes and not just the favorite ones. And most seniors agreed that homework ought to be left out of the schedule since they had already left it out of theirs.

They were confronted with a multitude of additional costs, such as senior portraits, the Disneyland trip, announcements, and the Prom.

Those students who had already achieved the goal of obtaining the minimum number of required credits in English, science, math, PE, and sophomore goals, had only to take a government course and other elective classes in order to earn the 210 credits required to graduate.

Many seniors who had planned to have a half-day scheduled (attending school only four periods a day), found out that they must be enrolled in at least five classes daily. An alternative chosen by many was to enroll in Work Experience, where they could earn school credits while gaining valuable on-the-job training.

Plagued with 'senioritis,' the monotony of school motivated many students to enroll in easy classes such as School Service. ➔

School routine brings added responsibility, requirements for seniors

graduation expenses, credits, courses, pose new problems

Brenda Clem
Diana Colon
Lori Conrad
Brian Cooper



Don Corgiat
Irena Corgiat



Tina Couch
Becky Couchman



Deana Crook
Joyce Crowley



Seniors hunted for classes where they could take roll and run errands for the instructor, thereby avoiding the confinement of a classroom.

Final search for fun, free- dom fights pressure for performance

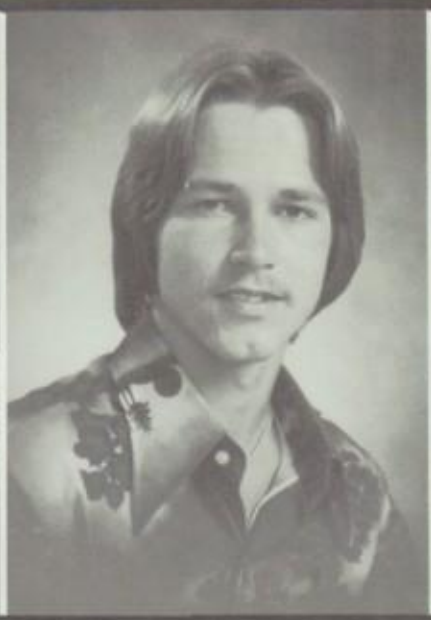
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Although seniors earned many privileges a multitude of responsibilities and obstacles also crossed their paths. For college-oriented students, preparations for future activities

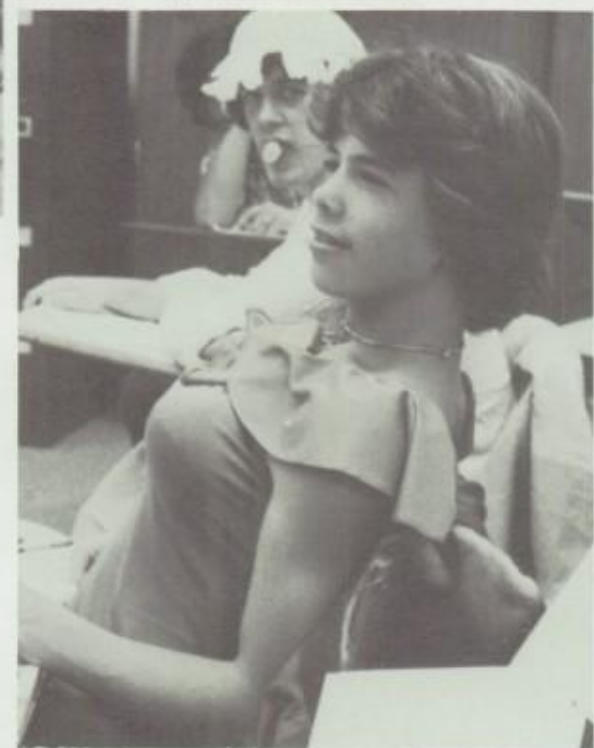
were initiated and pursued during their final year at MHS. Scholastic Aptitude Tests, college applications and complicated scholarship and financial assistance forms were labored over, in between homework, extra-curricular activities, and part-time jobs.

Thus, being seniors at MHS offered the freedom of near-adulthood without the confinement of dull responsibility. They went out on dates, partied, cruised McHenry, got into trouble, worked at jobs, played sports, worked on their cars, went skiing in the mountains or swimming in the ocean, took flying lessons, and looked all over Modesto and beyond for something to do, having fun.

Now, as the Class of '79 moves on to the next step in life, many alternatives and choices become visible. These may be getting married, going off to college, to a career in the armed forces, or continuing to work for a local business, depending on each individual's preference. MHS has played a major role in the multi-faceted lives of the Senior Class for four years; years filled with the trials and tragedies of growing up that will be remembered for the rest of their lives.



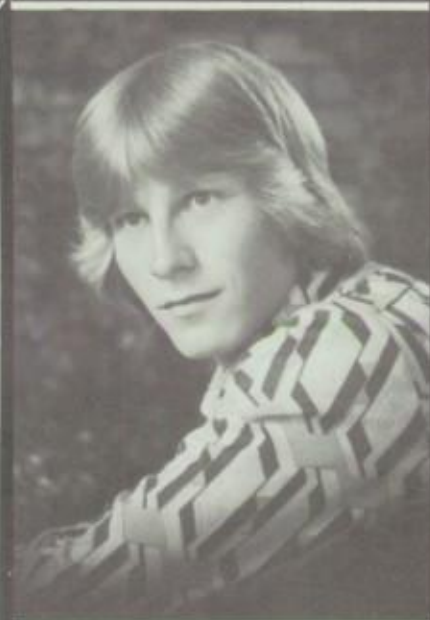
Gayle Davis
Darrell DeBerry
Robert Degrado
Rebecca de la Torre



top: Mark Ferguson, Bob Breazeale, Larry Mendonza, Stacy Burkes, Chava Cardenas, Mike Martinez and Don Corgiat 'shoot the breeze' during nutrition break.

above: Displaying his spirit on Crazy Day, Mike McCombs shows off his newly acquired figure while 'Granny' Steve Bertozzi looks on.

left: Laughing over a good joke, Terri Carlton enjoys the Fall Sports Banquet.



James Dorton



Denise Elinburg



Cindy Epperson

Terry Epperson
Rebecca Escamilla
Curtis Escobar



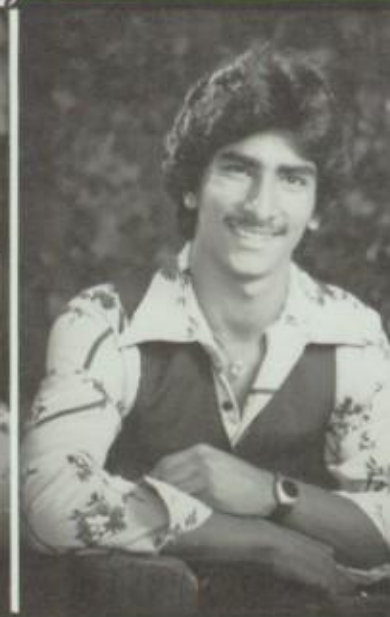
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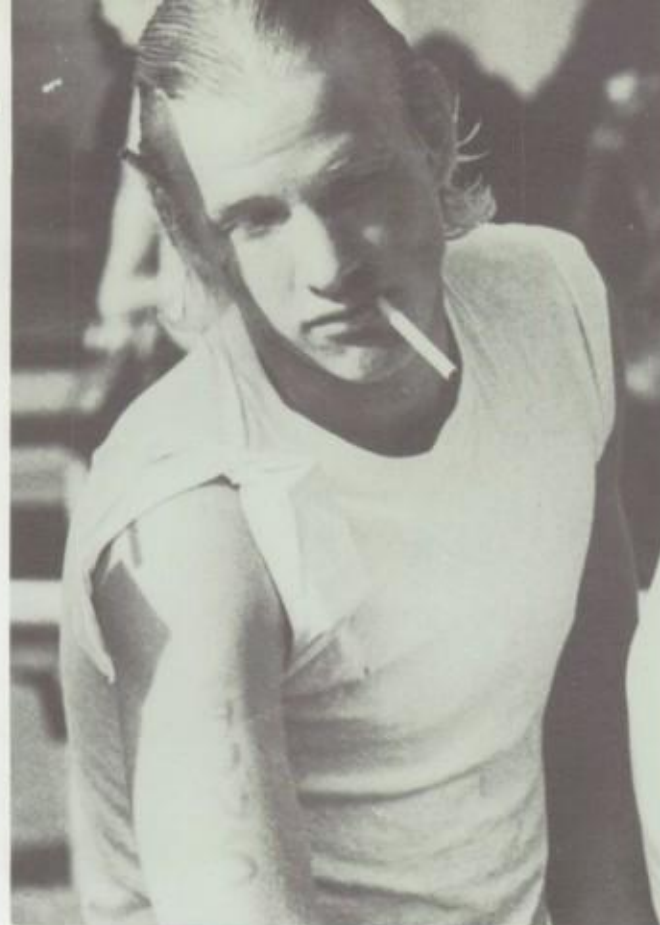


Kathy Fernandes
Diana Fletcher
Jeff Fletcher



Roy Flint
Dorothy Fogle
Vickie Ford
Richard Gallardo





CELEBRITIES

far left: Lori Conrad finds a bidder at the Freshman Slave Auction on Western Day.
near left: Trying to display the proper kind of 'cool,' Keith Watts clowns on 50's Day.
below: Lori Conrad and Keith Watts were chosen Most Spirited for 1979.

Playing a major part in creating an enthusiastic atmosphere, spirited students generated excitement and promoted morale throughout the student body. Participating in special dress-up days, class activities, and rallies, these students led their fellow classmates to a more spirit-filled year.

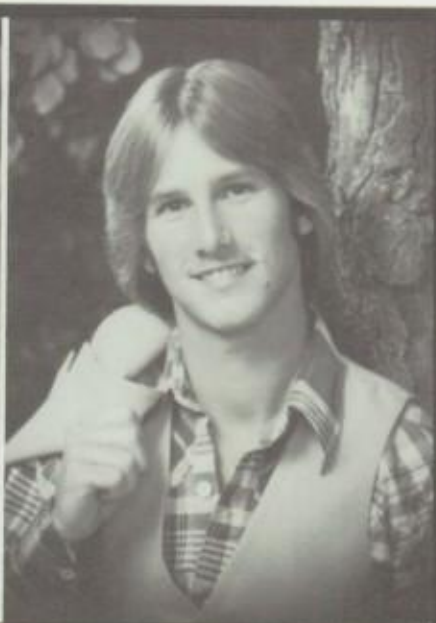
Devoting their boundless enthusiasm to student activities, such students become well known for their great loyalty and dedication to MHS.

In addition to serving two terms as spiritleader and being actively involved in sports, Lori Conrad was involved in numerous other spirit-oriented activities. Lori was well known for her smiling personality and crazy antics. Spirit proved very valuable to her, as it earned a well-deserved circle of friends. Briefly describing her outlook, Lori summed it up: "I place a high value on life; I guess that's why I'm always so happy."

Beginning in his sophomore year, Keith Watts showed promise of becoming one of the most spirited students on the MHS campus. He was rewarded for his dedication by receiving the humorous honor of Sophomore King in the fall of 1976. No matter what crazy dress-up days arose, from 50's Day to Senior Citizen's Day, Keith was always a participant. While most students were becoming tired of school, he broke the monotony by spreading his laughter and humor throughout the entire student body.

Long-time participants chosen by classmates as 'Most Spirited'

Lori Conrad, Keith Watts set example for others with eager involvement



**Melinda Galvez
 Steve Garcia
 Teri Garcia
 Tim Garrison**

Patti George
Mary Gomez
Janet Graham
Dempsey Griffie



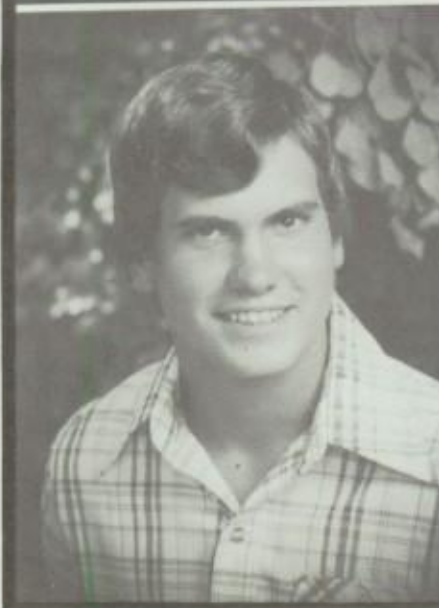
Kevin Grimes
Kathy Gullat



Luis Gutierrez
Raymond Gutierrez



Dan Guzzi
Frank Gwerder



Noticed and admired for their clear skin, friendly smiles, and natural attractiveness, Patti George and Russell Lusk stood out among their classmates as Best Looking.

Several students commented on the fact that although Patti and Russ have always been nice looking, it was during their senior year they were really noted for their striking appearances.

'Best Looking' title crowns couple who hold natural good looks

Possessing the qualities of all-around good looks, having a pleasant personality, and good grooming habits are things which many students strive for. The importance of frequent grooming was felt by students of all grade levels, in the hope of making the best impression possible on their peers.

**Patti George
Russell Lusk
smile their
way into
hearts of
classmates**

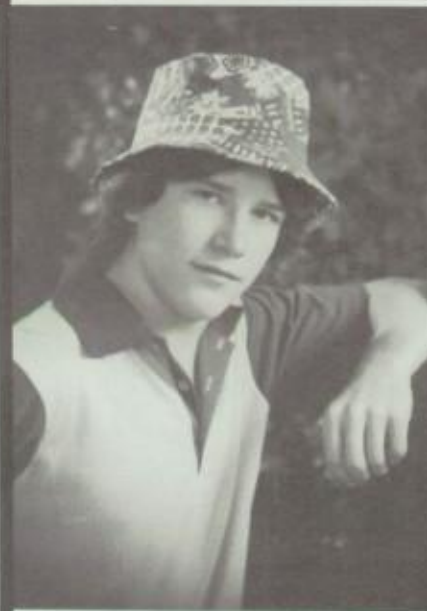
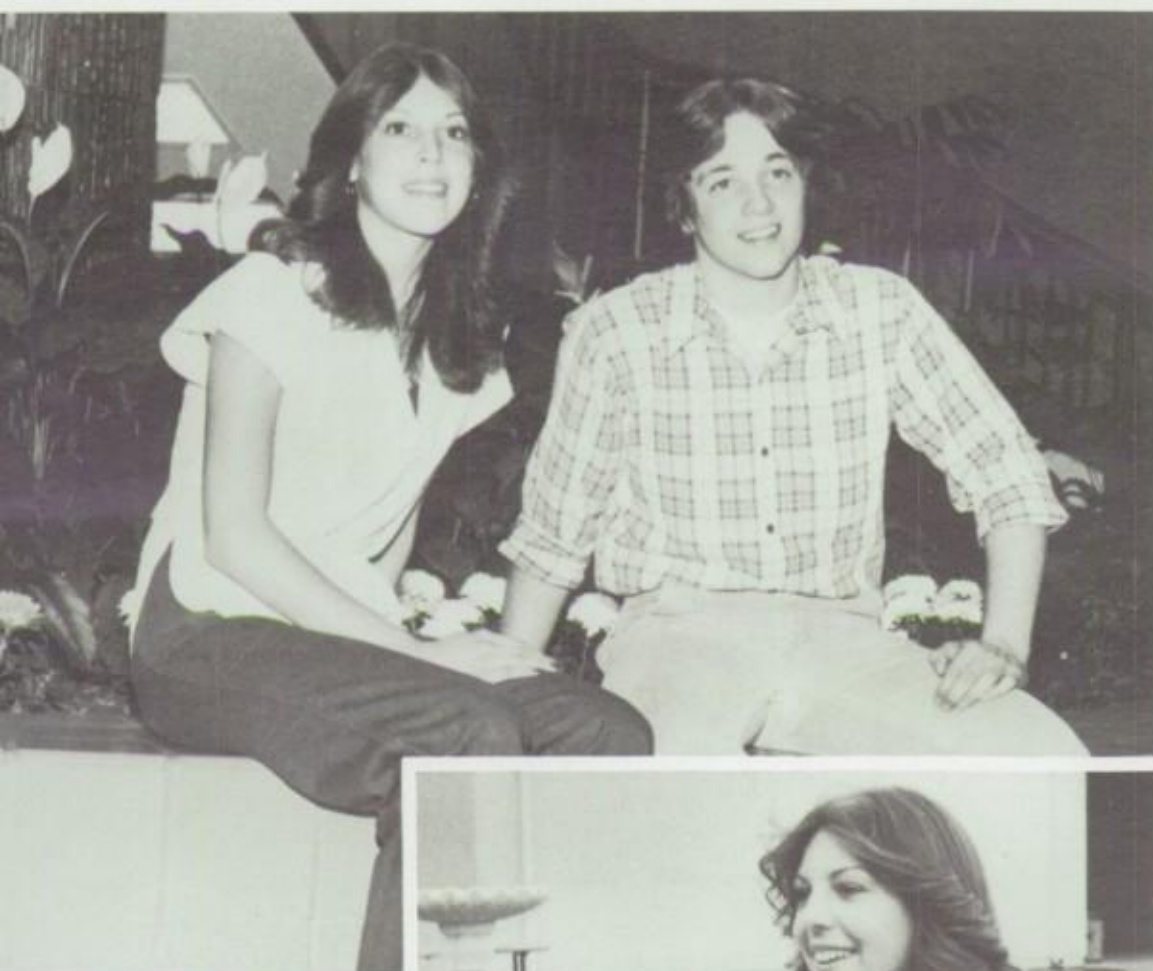
Ranging from a new improved shampoo to a toothpaste with extra brighteners, students constantly tried to improve themselves with external products. As they become older, they began to take a keener interest in their appearance. More time was spent in front of mirrors, and daily rituals that were done routinely before became painstaking, tedious jobs. The majority of teens felt that it was important to look their best when they were in front of others. Most felt that achieving an individually unique image was satisfying.

Besides physical beauty, the inner quality of a person is reflected through personality and spirit. It took the unbeatable combination of cheerful friendliness and natural good looks to gain the admiration from their classmates which resulted in the title, Best Looking, for Patti and Russ.

CELEBRITIES



Chuck Hale
Candace Haley
Steve Hamman
Candy Hastie



Mike Hatter



Michelle Hiler



top: Patti George and Russell Lusk were chosen Best Looking for 1979.
above: Patti George takes a break after class to enjoy the peacefulness of the courtyard.
left: Russell Lusk grins at a remark made by a fellow year-book staffer.



Bobbie Hodges

PROFILE

Her first impression of MHS was very positive, and AFS student Mary Ann van der Burgh soon became involved in many extra-curricular activities. She competed on both the

Mary Ann van der Burgh adapts easily to US ways

foreign exchange student likes stay but cites differences from home in Holland

girls tennis and track teams, was a member of the 'S' Club and the **Broadcast** staff, and was an active, dedicated member of Rally. Resolutely wearing her outfit

on game days, participating enthusiastically in the rallies, and just 'getting involved,' Mary Ann quickly became an asset and inspiration to the Class of 1979.

There are many differences between the schools in Holland and here, says Mary Ann. "The classes there are much harder, with more emphasis on gaining as much knowledge as possible. There are no extra-curricular activities. Rallies, football games, clubs, and going to the pizza parlor on Friday nights are non-existent in Holland. So all these things that people take for granted here at MHS were very new to me."

Visiting Yosemite National Park and snow skiing were two of the recreational activities that Mary Ann enjoyed during her stay in California, since they were so different from what she had known at home in the Netherlands.



top: Mary Ann van der Burgh enjoys the company of host sister Sharon Lubeck during her English class. **above:** During lunch period, Mary Ann enjoys a conversation with Bunny McHale in the courtyard. **right:** As a member of the **Broadcast** staff, Mary Ann inspects a recent edition of the school paper. **below:** Foreign Exchange student Mary Ann flashes her contagious smile to friends.

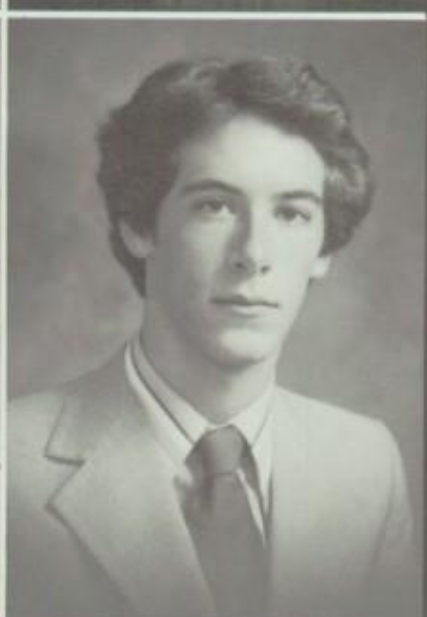




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 Lisa Houser
 Teri Huggins
 Lois Hunnicutt



Carla Hunstable
 Michelle Hunstable
 Dalene Hurst
 Betty Inderbitzin



Linda Isoni
 Ron Jackson
 Diana Jacobo
 Scott James



Helen Jimenez
 Doug Kolsky
 Brad Kunkel
 Brian Lacy
 Randy Lane
 Ken Laney

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Fashion trends set by Best Dressed

1979 was a year of drastic change as fashions mimicked those from the 30's. Students chose a wide range of styles, creating an image reflecting their individual personalities.

For guys, the look was casual yet clean-cut, created with cords, dressy jeans, sweaters, wool shirts, and hiking boots. A few followed the 'disco scene,' reflecting a dressier apparel, with silk shirts and 'Angel Flights.'

Girls were subjected to more decision-making because of the wide variety of new styles that appeared. The look was everything from three-piece skirt outfits to oversized, loose-fitting shirts with fashionable straight-legged jeans. Many new shoe styles gained notoriety throughout the year, with clogs, high heels, pointed or open toes, and even hiking boots accenting the diverse vogues.

Being noticed for an up-beat look while coordinating a variety of unique outfits was an important part of many students' lives, as fads and fashions continued to change throughout the year. For most teens, both time and hard-earned money was invested with hopes of projecting a striking, personal style.

For many students, the ability to be well-dressed didn't come naturally, but was something which had to be worked on. A neat, appealing, and original appearance was a necessity for those who set the pace for others to follow.

Chosen by their classmates as students who paid special attention to their attire, Kevin Grimes and Candace Haley were looked on as those pace-setters.

Virginia Lee
Michelle Lindsay



Dell Lopez
Rosario Lopez



Dean Lovelady
Denise Lovelady



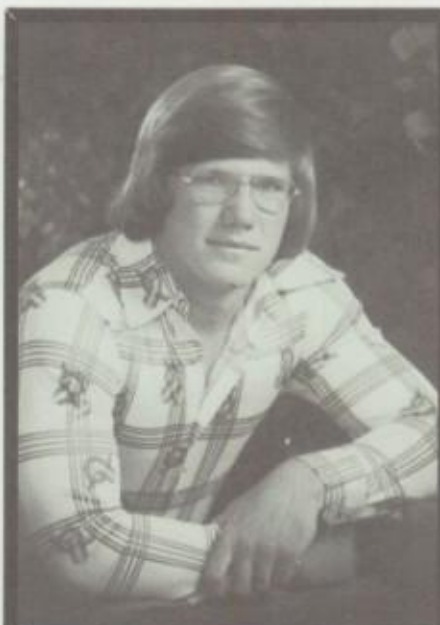
Randy Lundgren
Russell Lusk
Debora Lyles
Nick Magallanez



**Kevin Grimes,
Candace Haley
gain recognition
for neat
appearance**



above: Candace Haley and Kevin Grimes were chosen Best Dressed for 1979.
left: Enjoying the chance for a break in the courtyard with his friends, Kevin Grimes, in a warm pull-over and dressy shirt, was a typical sight on cool winter days.
upper left: Candace Haley takes advantage of warm weather to try out a variety of new styles, including a cool spring outfit.



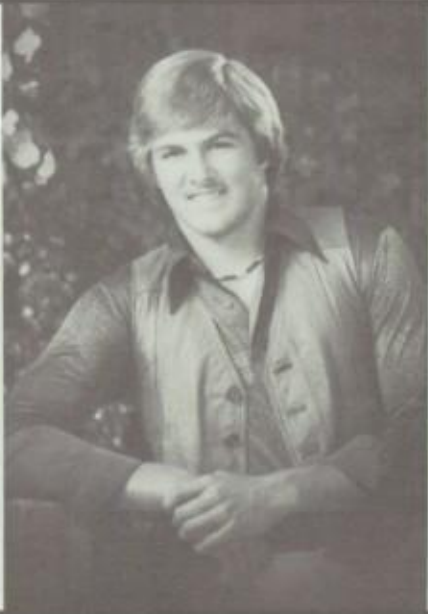
Brian Marconett



Christy Martinez



Mike Martinez



**Ruth Martinez
Danny May
Mike McCombs
Ron McManis**

Miriam Medina



Greg Mendonca



Larry Mendonza



Anita Menghetti
Linda Mitts
Lynne Moore
Debby Moe



Senior boys band together to form rock music group; gain early success

**hard work and
determination
pay off big
for talented
group**

Assembling last October with the hope of touring locally at parties and other occasions, a group of five talented boys, Randy Anderson, Rex Duke, Mike Hatter, Brian Marconett, and Joe Schoonover, joined to form the rock band 'Foreplay.' The group performs popular music in addition to some of their own compositions.

Foreplay's first public performance came after the band was hired to play at a New Year's Party. "We were all pretty scared; that was our first big job and all," confided Joe Schoonover, rhythm guitarist, "but afterward we were pleased with the way we played. It broke us in.

After three months of extensive prac-



tice, the band was hired to perform at the Denim Dance in February. The performance was an impressive one, as the members of Foreplay proved their capabilities to their fellow students leery of the talent and seriousness of the group.



above left: Brian Marconett and Joe Schoonover try out a stance.
above: Mike Hatter plays the intro to 'Blue Bird' while Joe waits for his cue.
right: Randy Anderson tunes his guitar between songs.





**Terry Nation
Michelle Norleen**



**Jimmie Norton
Sandra O'Dell**



**Debbie Ogletree
Henry Oliver**



**Nancy Ollis
Kenny Olson
Fred Omlin
Ronald Ostorero**



above: Kathy Fernandes skillfully plays her favorite songs from Fleetwood Mac's *Rumours* album.

right: After tuning her guitar with help from the piano, Kathy inspects the lyrics to her song 'Together.'

below: Possessing speed, accuracy, and a 12-string Ovation guitar, Kathy's musical talent is complemented by the instrument.

lower right: Kathy finds her guitar a welcome companion while relaxing after school.



Writing music, guitar playing prove relaxing for Kathy Fernandes

plans for publishing move forward with 'Together' and Song Writing Festival

"Sitting down with my guitar and releasing tensions and pressures by playing a song takes my mind off the day," confides singer-songwriter Kathy Fernandes. "Guitar has been

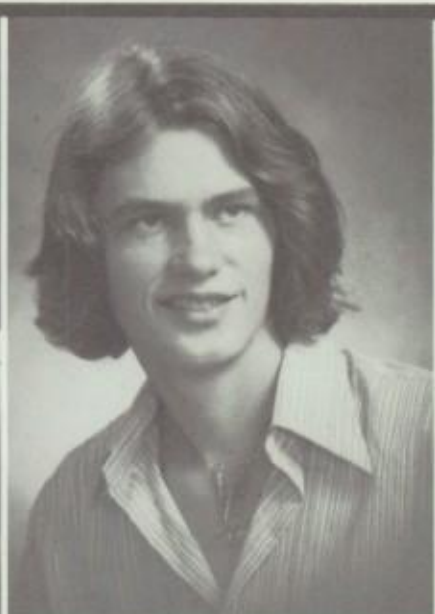
a part of my life for almost nine years."

Taking a beginning guitar class with her grandmother's old instrument, Kathy soon found that with hard work and inspiration

she could compose her own music. Advancing to an Ovation 12-string guitar offered new possibilities, and she became a member of a church folk group, playing on Sundays and special holidays for four years.

Kathy continues writing music and lyrics for songs between school and working, recently composing a work that interested a publishing company. "My song 'Together' was well-liked among my family and friends," she states, "so right now we're going through the slow process of having it published."

With plans to enter the American Song Writing Festival next year, where artists submit demo tapes of their favorite songs to be evaluated, song writing may even become profitable for Kathy. Eyeing two \$10,000 grand prizes to the winners, she plans to enter the 'Top 10' category with her song 'Together.'



Linda Ott
Tom Ott
Sylvia Palacios
Randy Park
Crystal Paugh
Margaret Payne



Sherril Powell
Shelly Pritchett
Rosemarie Puebla
Floyd Quigley



Blanca Ramos
Mary Rathbun
Carol Reyes
Ruth Richards



Gary Riley
Concepcion Riviera
Soledad Riviera
Robbie Robbins

Robert Robinson
Michelle Rocha
Esther Rodriguez
Velton Rogers



'Best Build' award goes to outstanding physiques

Victor Brasil, Julie Chambers show muscles, curves to charm their classmates

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Desiring an attractive physique is a common feeling among teenagers, as the benefits of physical fitness become increasingly apparent to all. Yet those who actually devoted

the time and energy to becoming fit were greatly outnumbered by enthusiasts who preferred magical gimmicks promising everything from rapid weight reduction to acquiring a striking build in just a few days. Others, while not falling for the popular gimmicks, found a multitude of excuses for not looking their best.

Those few who thought highly of physical fitness obtained their attractiveness through enrollment in the exercise and sports programs offered at school, finding weight training, tennis, and slimnastics excellent courses to take advantage of. These students were admired both on and off campus, as their attitude toward health in general was uniquely relayed through their physical fitness.

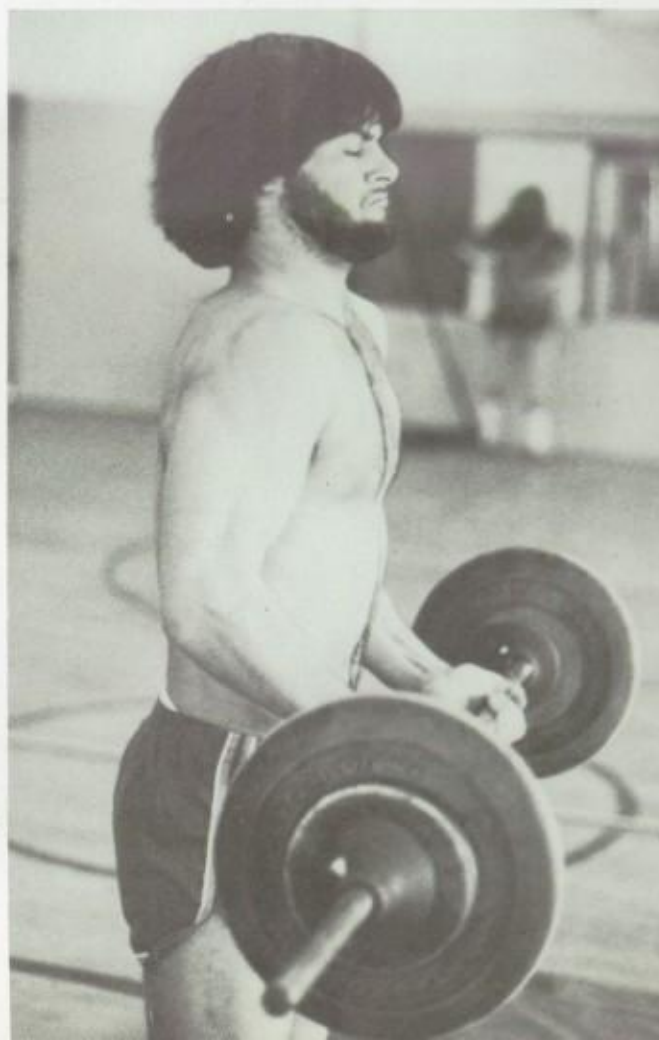
Through careful weight watching and regular exercise Julie Chambers finds the results results of hard work and will power worthwhile as she catches the eyes of many members of the opposite sex.

Enrolling in numerous weight training and sports classes throughout his four years, Victor Brasil realized as a freshman that sore, aching muscles soon became assets to his appearance as developing and maintaining his physique became as important part of his high school life.

upper right: Julie Chambers and Victor Brasil were chosen Best Build for 1979.

far right: Julie Chambers smiles at a friend as she relaxes in the courtyard.

right: Striving for a perfect physique, Victor Brasil works out in weight training.





Lorraine Rosa
Anthony Rosales
Sylvia Rosales
Trina Russell



Carmen Sanchez
Jesse Salas
Francisco Sandoval



Tony Sandoval
Dail Sangster
Lori Santos



Sherril Sather
Steve Sather
Clay Schonhoff

Joe Schoonover
Becky Schubert
Diane Silva
Kari Simas



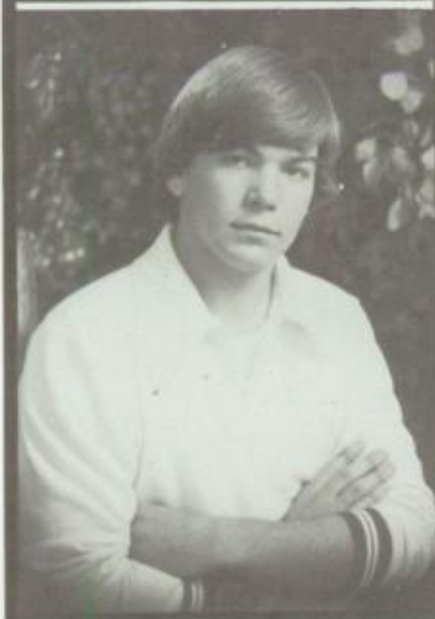
Tina Simpson



Paul Spani



Robert Stack



top: Touching up the finished product, Gary Wolf uses a toothbrush on the feathers.
far upper right: Gary likes to show people the bird he has on his wall which he mounted.
right: Gary proudly displays the tools he uses in his taxidermy work.
above: A finished cock pheasant on his workbench looks amazingly lifelike.



Jeanette Stinnett
Bill Strohm
Paula Tanner
Ron Terra



Gary Wolf became involved in the art of taxidermy as an eighth grader. With the help of an experienced friend, he taught himself through a mail order course.

Gary mounts birds such as pheasants and quail. His first attempt at taxidermy was performed on a pigeon. "The only animal I have mounted was a ring-tailed lennox, but it didn't turn out too good."

Mounting animals is an involved process. The main steps are injecting the bird with formaldehyde, skinning and cleaning, stuffing with excelsior, and finally putting it back together, which includes inserting artificial glass eyes.

Gary explains that the bird should be worked on while it is fresh. "If a person works steadily and has all the necessary materials, a bird may be completed in about 12 hours."

Gary occasionally mounts birds for other people. Each job is charged according to its difficulty, with the most he has charged about \$30. But when asked if he plans taxidermy as a career, Gary insists that his interest is "strictly hobby."

Gary Wolf has special interest in wildlife as taxidermy becomes hobby

It takes lots of practice to make them look natural



George Travao
Martin Usiak



Barbara Ustick
Sue Van Duyn



Marianne Van der Burgh
Tony Van Oostende



Maria Vasquez
Kathleen Vaught
Anita Velo



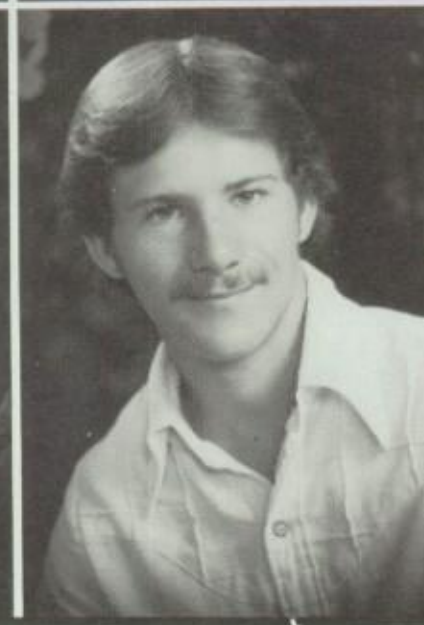
Emma Vento
Rocky Vinnedge
Linda Vlach



Reda Walker
Ruth Ann Walker
John Wallace
Keith Watts



Cindy Wheaton
Rocky Whitehead
Debbie Whitley
Steve Willett



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far left: Good-natured Kenny Olson laughs easily with his friends, whether telling a joke or listening to one.

near left: Holding onto a tree for support, Debbie Moe laughs at one of her own jokes.

below: Kenny Olson and Debbie Moe were chosen Wittiest for 1979.

Amusing and delighting friends with anecdotes, puns, and jokes, Debbie Moe and Kenny Olson made the drudgery of school life less monotonous with their spontaneous antics and unique ability to see humor in nearly every situation.

Debbie began making jokes as a means of getting attention, but eventually, jesting came naturally to her. She enjoys making people laugh, and finds it easier to get along with new acquaintances through her droll sense of humor. A good reason why she's always so happy, Debbie believes, is "everything in life has humor in it. There's a bright side to even the worst situation. If you can't laugh, you can't cope."

Kenny, too, has been entertaining his friends for years, starting in first grade with his boyish pranks and off-the-wall comments. Modestly referring to himself as "kinda crazy," Ken has always enjoyed making people laugh, and being involved in comic escapades. "Mainly, though," he states, "I see humor in strange things."

Debbie and Kenny have pleased and amused their teachers and fellow students alike with their humorous antics and outspoken witticisms throughout their high school careers. Their light-hearted outlooks on life in general have gained them the distinction of "Wittiest."

Making others laugh is fun for seniors chosen 'Wittiest'

Debbie Moe, Kenny Olson see the funny sides of life with their friends



**Gary Wolf
Karen Wolf
Jeff Woodbridge
Rod Wright**

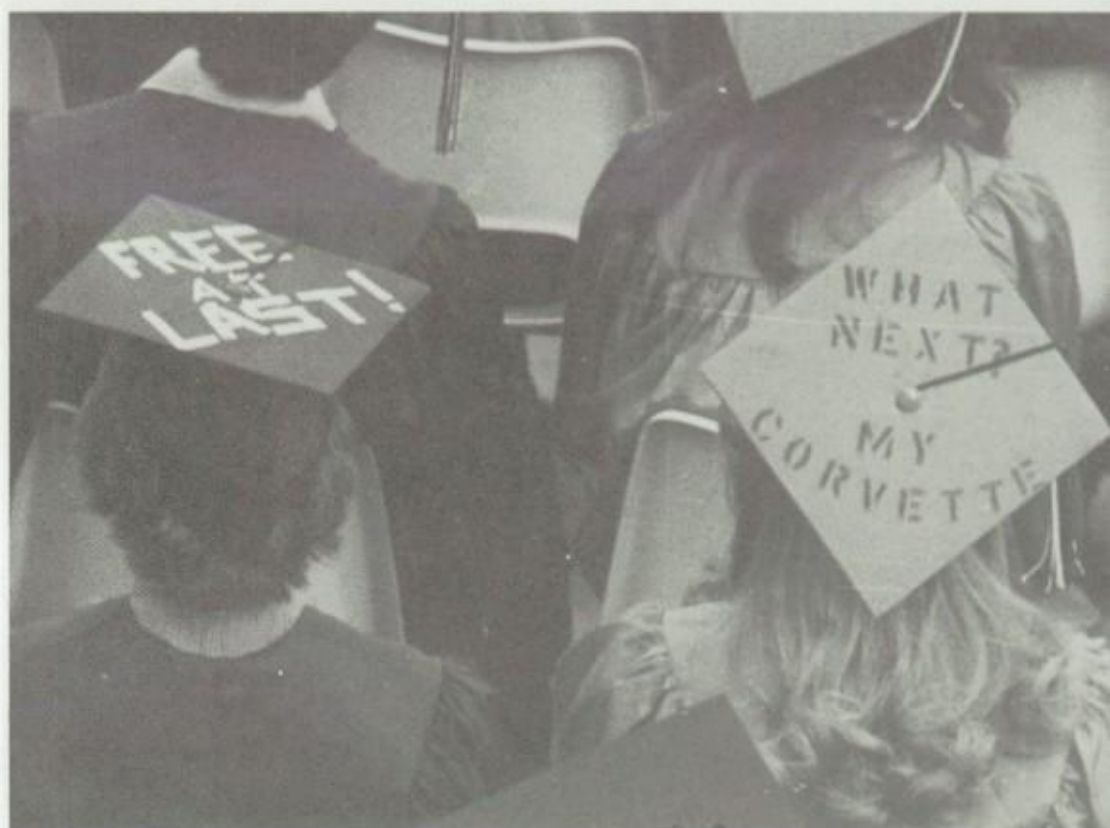
Commencement a 'doorway to tomorrow' for 238 members of Class of '79

For the second consecutive year, the graduation ceremony was held in Graceada Park's Mancini Bowl. With the MHS insignia and the year 1979 prominently set on the background, the 238 members of the Class of '79 proudly filed onto the outdoor stage to the band's rendition of 'Pomp and Circumstance' the evening of June 15. After the invocation, delivered by Mr. Pritchard Amstutz, senior Kara Bentson addressed the graduating class and the huge audience with a speech entitled 'Graduation, Doorway to Tomorrow?' Kathy Fernandes then delivered her speech, 'To the Top,' and also sang a song she had completed only hours before, entitled 'Class of '79.'

California Scholarship Federation advisor Walter Baddell presented plaques to the five graduates who

had maintained perfect GPA's throughout their high school careers, and then certificates for Life Membership in CSF to fourteen graduates, honoring them for scholastic excellence.

Finally, counselor Trudy Kamps and Board of Education member Harriet Kirschen presented the diplomas to the nervous yet eager students. When the last of the seniors had filed through, and the benediction was given by Eddie Bolden, the school hymn was sung for the final time as a class by the graduates, with help from the many alumni in the audience. With commencement over at last, the members of the Class of '79 began planning their new lives as responsible adults, ready to face the world outside of high school.



above: Kari Simas sadly sings the school hymn for the last time.
upper center: Using uniquely different styles, Kara Bentson and Kathy Fernandes address their ideas and opinions to the audience.

far right: The Class of '79 files on stage to the strains of 'Pomp and Circumstance.'

right: John Christopherson expresses his feelings toward high school, while Susan Adams tells of future plans.



far left: Marty Usiak is congratulated on his graduation by a 'friend.'
left: Mike McCombs proudly receives his diploma from Board of Education president Mrs. Harriette Kirschen.
below: Principal James Sherman congratulates Reda Walker on attaining her diploma.



'Who's Who' shows seniors excelling; faculty pick department outstanding

During the first two or three years of high school, many students strive to achieve an A or B average. In doing that, they must earn high marks in all of their classes, including a variety of math, English, science, social studies, and PE classes, along with electives ranging from industrial education to fine art.

By the junior year those students who have persevered have usually begun to center their attention on a specific area of study, taking advanced classes in that field and sometimes serving as an aid in other classes of that nature.

At mid-term of the senior year, department chairpersons, after consulting with the other members of their departments, choose two outstanding students to represent them. Usually they pick one boy and one girl, although occasionally

they choose two boys or two girls, or only one individual. Often there are several highly-qualified students, which makes the selection a very difficult job.

Enthusiasm, drive, determination, and natural abilities are characteristics considered along with talent and participation when selecting these students, not only in the academic areas but in vocational and technical as well, thus providing recognition to students whose abilities lie outside the academic range.

The **Sycamore** staff takes pride in recognizing these students as the 1979 **Who's Who**, a group of seniors who have shown by their interest and participation that they have excelled in areas they find rewarding and are truly outstanding in their departments.



▲ English

Barbara Ustick
Steve Sather

Speech ▶

Kara Bentsen
Curtis Escobar



Journalism

Sue Van Duyn
Steve Bertozzi

Instrumental Music

Becky Couchman
Lynn Moore

Vocal Music

James Wood
Lori Conrad



Industrial Education

Danny Guzzi
Mike Martinez

Mathematics

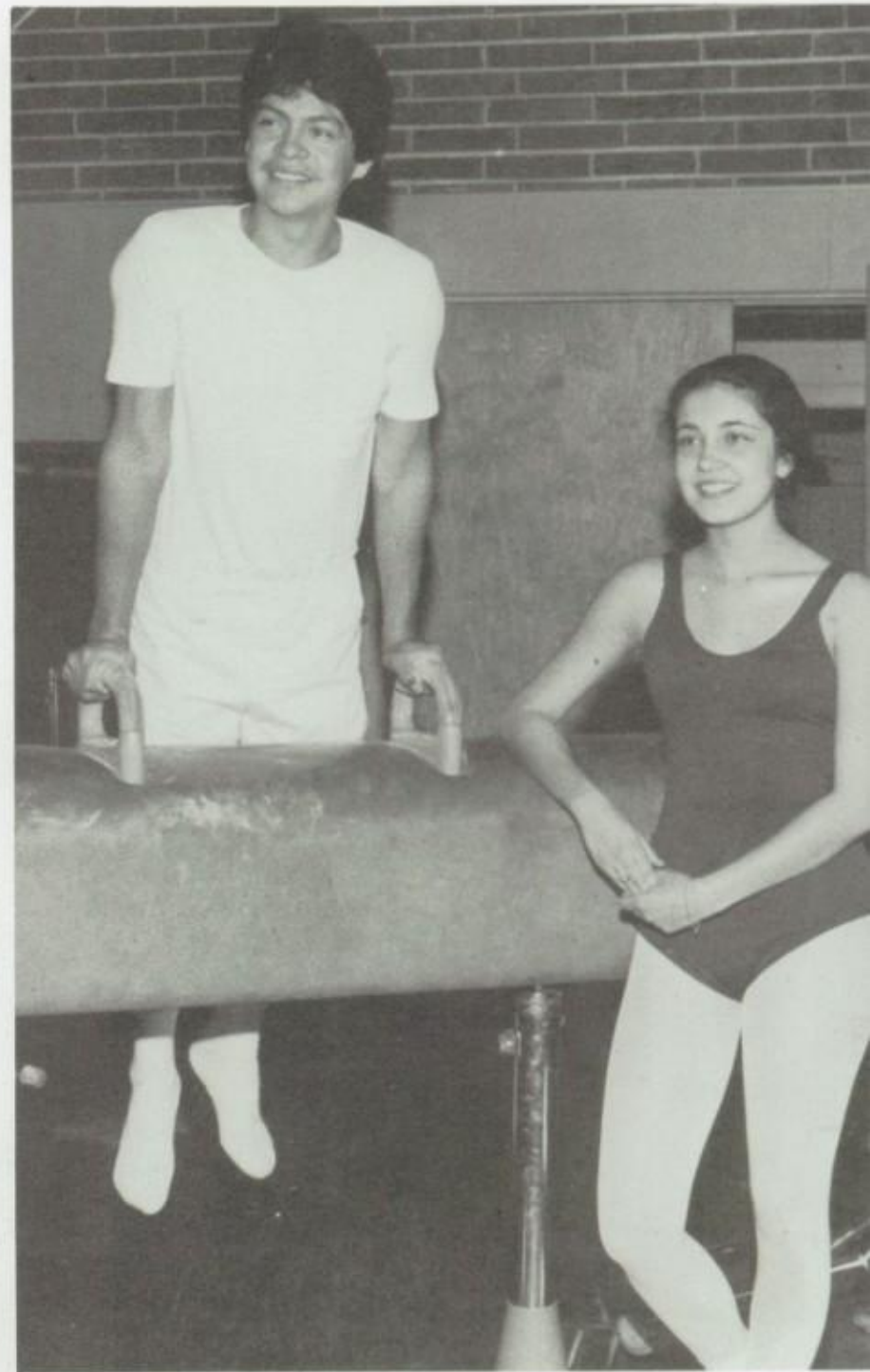
Chris Boday
Sherril Sather

Physical Education ▶

Jose Alberto
Colette Avila

Home Economics ▼

Eli Castenada
Diane Fletcher



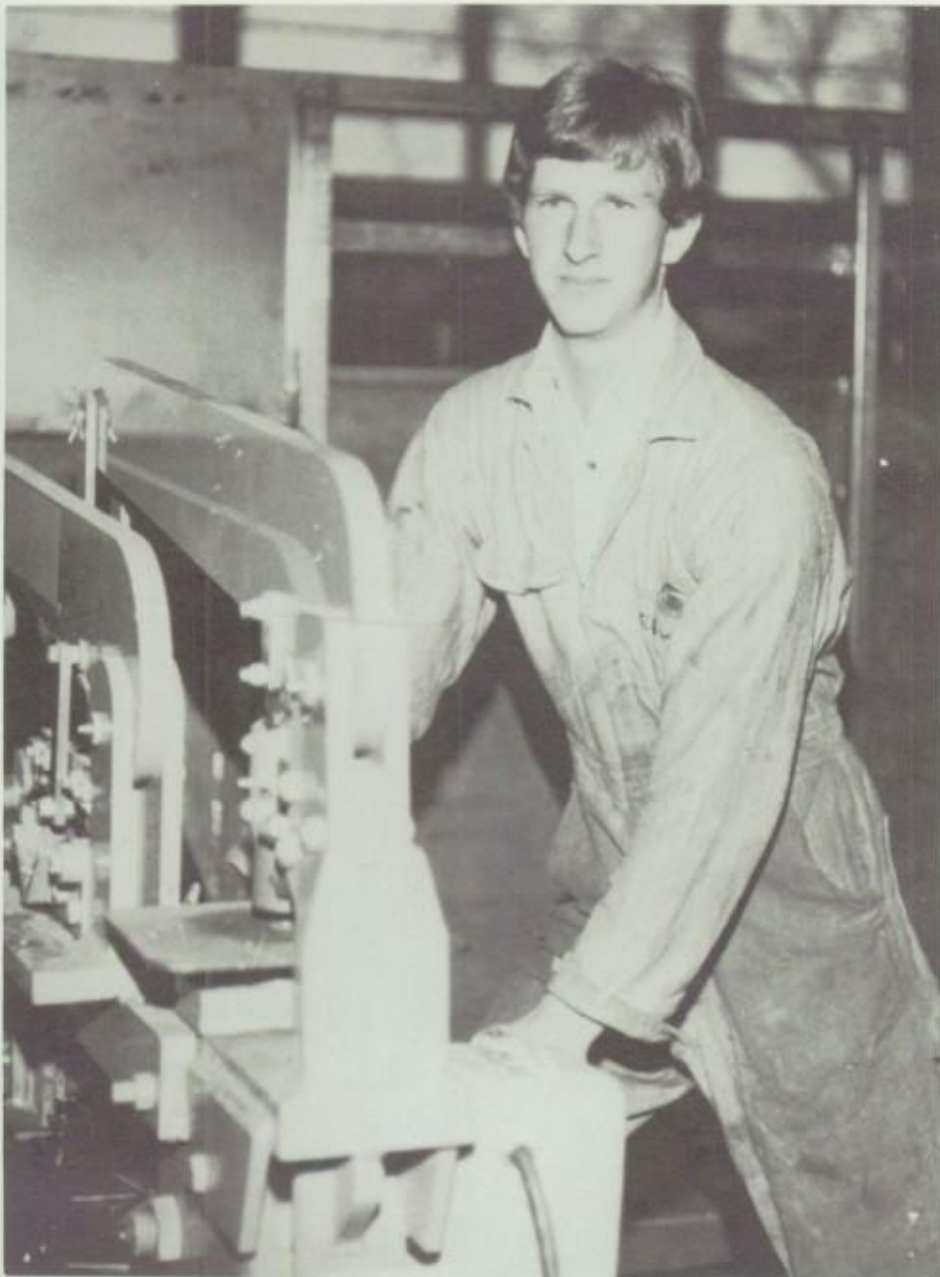
Art ▲

Mike Hatter
Michelle Hunstable

Social Science ▶

Dell Lopez
Lois Hunnicutt





◀ **Agriculture**
Frank Gwerder

Foreign Language
▼ Becky Couchman
Kathy Fernandes



Science ▲
Nancy Ollis
Curtis Escobar



Business ▲
Frank Gwerder
Mary Rathbun

right, Best All-Around Freshmen, Tim Simmons and Sandy Lubeck. Tim has been involved in orchestra, track, and student government, including class president. Sandy was a member of the Girls Tennis Team and General Rally.

Qualities of personality which are considered in selecting one boy and one girl at each grade level to represent their class include a clean appearance, friendly smile, intelligence, spirit, leadership, athletic ability, and a high degree of involvement in school and class activities.

Classes choose favorites to represent best personalities

popular vote selects one boy and girl from each grade level for Best All-Around

Those students most successful in the search for friendship are the individuals whose lives reflect a special combination of these characteristics. Such people gain the admiration and respect of their peers, and soon become popular among all students and with their teachers as well.

At least fifty students at each grade level were nominated on February 2, making it difficult to prepare the final ballots. Voting took place on February 5 in world geography, health, career planning, driver education, American history, and government classes, with the **Sycamore** staff conducting the final tabulation.

The forty eight names on the ballots represented highly qualified individuals, causing difficulty for student voters in making choices, and resulting in most cases in close races.

Thus, the Favorites for 1979, elected by popular vote of their peers from a list of carefully screened nominations, truly represent their classes as Best All-Arounds.

right, Best All-Around Seniors, Sue Van Duyn and Arthur Fabela. Among her other accomplishments, Sue has served as editor of the newspaper, **The Broadcast**, treasurer of the Student Council, spring Varsity Songleader, and member of CSF, General Rally, and the Girls Tennis Team. Handsome and friendly, Art was on the Swim Team, a member of CSF, and the Boys Tennis Team.





left, Best All-Around Juniors, John Bradford and Sharon Lubeck. John has been active in the Marching Band and student government, including class offices. Sharon was a Sophomore Songleader, and this year a Fall Rally Commissioner, as well as the outstanding member of the Girls Tennis Team.



above, Best All-Around Sophomores, Lora Alexander and Gentry Quinn. Lora was chosen Winter Sophomore Queen, and has been a member of the Girls Volleyball, Basketball, and Track Teams. Gentry served on the Sophomore Football and Basketball Teams, both this year and last.



above, Spring Junior Class Officers: Susan Pearson, secretary; Nina Satriles, president; Linda Goncalves, rep; Jessica Potts, vice president; Penny Todaro, treasurer.
right, Fall Junior Class Officers, front row: Nina Satriles, president; Linda Goncalves, rep; Jessica Potts, vice president. second row: Penny Todaro, secretary; Donna Payne, treasurer.
upper right: Junior Class advisors, Jim Kenyon and Jim Autry.

Juniors struggle to raise funds; set Prom date a month later

choose June 2 for big spring dance, apathy is biggest problem all year

Returning from a successful sophomore year, the Class of '80 struggled to achieve its goals, with raising money for the Prom its main objective. Kicking off fund-raising events proved to be quite a problem, due to the

apathy of many in the class. Advisors Jim Autry and Jim Kenyon felt the officers did a great job, for gradually members of the Junior Class got themselves organized and pulled through the year with enough profits to sponsor a memorable

Junior-Senior Prom.

Projects included a baked goods booth at the Merenda's annual antique sale, a car wash at the Arco station on McHenry, and a donation drawing. Toward the end of the year the juniors had a slave sale and two more car washes.

Holding the Junior-Senior Prom nearly a month later than usual, on June 2, the juniors chose the elegant Elks Lodge as the location and hired the popular band "Sunflower" to provide the entertainment.

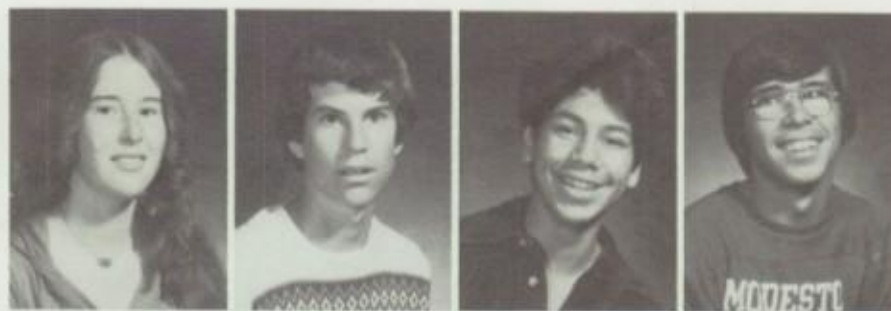


Vincent Aflague
Robin Alkire
Mattie Allard
Alfredo Alvarez
Sharon Anderson
Desiree Angle
Maria Balderas
Robert Ball



Thomas Barber
Clayton Barnes
Tony Barnett
Jay Batterson
Darrel Boyles
SallyAnn Beard
Ronnie Belcher
Angelica Benavidez





Linda Bennett
Dale Benoit
Henry Bernal
John Bettencourt



Marie Bishop
Mike Bizzini
Julia Bland
Sarah Bland



Joyce Borba
Debra Bowman
John Bradford
Eutiquio Brambila



Pamela Brazil
Mark Broadwell
Eddie Buantello
Tonia Burris



Clayton Butler
Efrain Cadenas
Steven Campbell
Lorena Campos



Sandra Cardoza
Delia Carrillo
Juan Castillo
Robert Chambers



Kevin Cisco
Albert Coito
Barbara Coker
Victor Coleman
Janie Collier
Susan Connel
Pamela Cooksey
Tim Coons



Tim Copenhaver
Emil Cortani
Luke Crabtree
Julie Curfman
Armando Diaz
Huyen Do
Rex Duke
Roy Ensey

Linda Ensslin
Brenda Entrekin
Celia Escamilla
Carlos Espino
Adam Espinoza
Tommy Espinoza
Larry Evans
Tamara Eye



Rhonda Fee
Deanne Felser
Gary Fernandes
Arnold Fidalgo
Nathan Fletcher
Diana Flores
Greg Florez
William Florez



Mark Forrest
William Fulkerson
Kathy Fultz
Florie Galhandro
Dolores Galvez
Raymond Gantt
Kimberly Garcia
Olivia Gazcon



Gail Gentry
Kevin George
Doug Gibson
Gary Gibson



Amelia Gomez
Antonio Gomez
Priscilla Gomez
Linda Goncalves



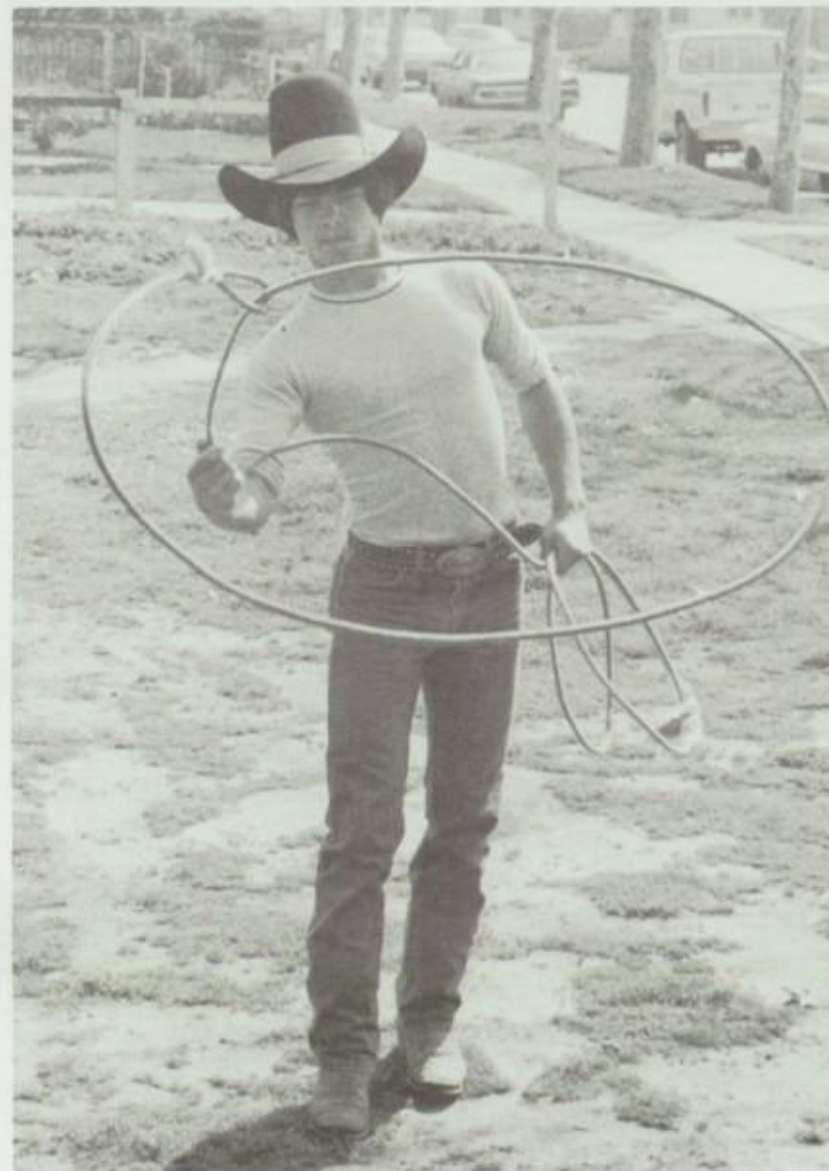
Carl Gonsalvez
Angie Gonzales
Aurora Gonzales
Richard Grant



Dale Graver
Tania Graver
Bob Graves
Rodger Grissom



Austin Gunter
Kevin Hampton
Donald Harvey
Mick Hardenbrook
Tami Hastie
Richard Hatter
Jorge Hayes
Forrest Heath





Andrea Heersink
Julie Henriques
Sandy Hibbs
Daniel Hinchman
Daniel Horman
Merete Hoy
Alma Hull
Jeri Hunstable



Teri Hunstable
Gwendy Hurst
Mike Hyer
Mike Imelio
Tammy Ivie



Tobacco-spittin' cowboy rides bulls to success in new sport

"It's more fun than most sports," says Glenn Walker of his interest in bull riding. "It's the challenge of just you against the bull, and other riders."

In the bull riding event, the riders' objective is to remain on the bull for an eight-second period. If there is more than one rider who succeeds in this hard and unpredictable requirement, they are judged on the difficulty of their rides to determine the victor. Prizes such as silver belt buckles or cash awards are presented to the winners.

Glenn inevitably experiences feelings of doubt and nervousness just before his rides. "I just keep telling myself that I have to make time," he relates. "It's usually a pretty tough thing to do, though." Glenn hopes to improve his riding techniques while he gains invaluable experience on the backs of bulls.

Bull riding requires a special attire. In addition to his western clothing, Glenn wears chaps to protect his legs, as well as gloves and spurs, although the protective articles don't always prevent injuries. Luckily, he hasn't experienced any major accident. A broken thumb resulted from falling incorrectly during one ride, and on another occasion Glenn was thrown off and the angry bull stomped his shoulder. But his injuries don't phase his love for the rodeo. "It's hard to explain; I just like it more'n anything else!"



Upper left: Glenn Walker practices his roping techniques.
Upper center: Glenn's easy smile conveys his enthusiasm.
Upper right, above, and right: From roping and wrestling wild geese to balancing bareback during the ride, Glenn exhibits his skill during a practice session.

Juniors face new requirements in selecting major for graduation

must choose between Academic, Vocational, or General

Beginning with the Class of '80, students are required to choose one of three basic plans for graduation: Academic, Vocational, or General. Unless they specify one of the others as freshmen, they are auto-

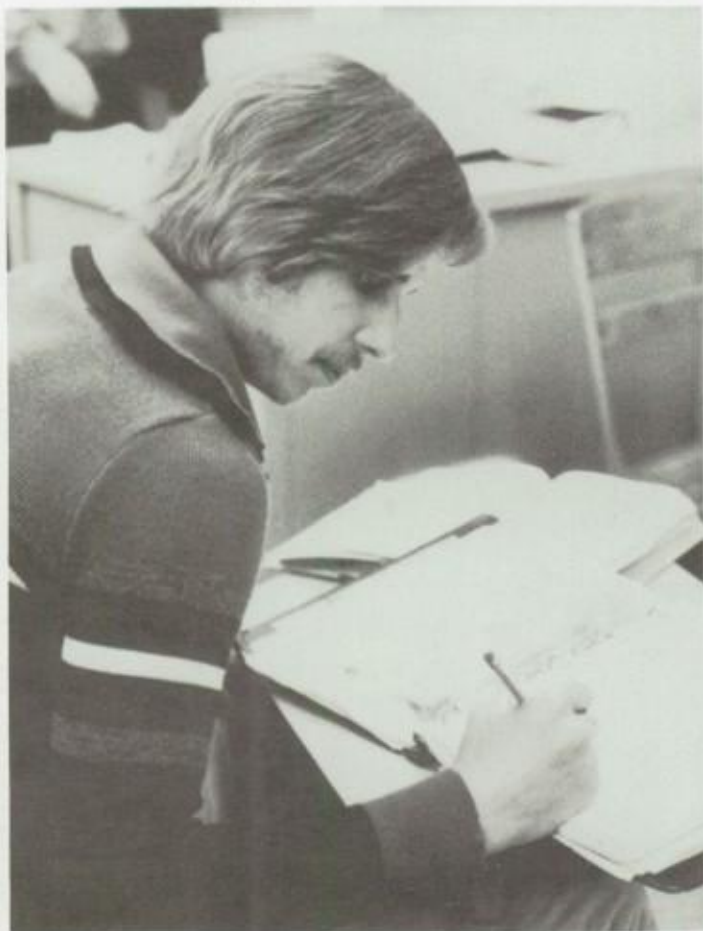
matically programmed into the General plan, although they may 'change their major' as late as the junior year.

The Academic plan, offered for those aiming at a college or university beyond high school, requires advanced courses in

science, math, English, and a foreign language.

The Vocational plan stresses advanced courses in such subjects as agriculture, industrial ed, and home ec, with room for classes in two different fields.

The General plan requires the normal 210 units including the basic core, plus a new course begun last year called Consumer Awareness. This course is intended to prepare students for the practical aspects of a complex society—the do's and don'ts of day-to-day business in the hustle and bustle of the outside world.



above: Trying to figure out an equation, Tony Lucas finds advanced algebra an academic challenge.

upper right: Tony Van Oostende, using his vocational welding skills, builds a 19' fifth wheel cattle trailer for his father's ranch.

right: Tony George, Mereta Hoy, Mr. John Miller, Kirk Melson, and Brian Miller prepare for an exam in American History, a course required of all Juniors.

far right: Mary Lake, Ray Van Nostrand, Patricia Rosales, Rachel Rosas, Kevin George, Don Wenzel and David Palomino take in the social studies section of Consumer Awareness, a new course required of all General Education majors.





Debra Jackson
Jeanette Jacobs
Pat Jones
Norma Juarez
Lisa Kershaw
Debbie Kilgore
Andy Klink
Kathy Kunkel
Dale Kuydendall



Mary Lake
Rhonda Lane
Tammie Langford
Kathy Larry
Charlotte Lawler
Ross Lee
Melvin Lemos
Mary Leza
Debbie Limardo



Dannette Lloyd
Barbara Long
Chris Lopez
Marilu Lopez
Lita Love
Sharon Lubeck
Tony Lucas
Bill Mechado
Robert Madrigal



Lurdes Magana
Malconor Magana
Lynne Martin
Ruth Martin
Hilda Martinez
Ronnie Martinez
Ruben Martinez
Ruth Martinez
John McCay



Robert McClain
Stephen McCollum
Dennis McCutcheon
Linda McDaniel
Linda McInnis
Pat McKee
Sharon McKenzie
Kirk Melson
Robert Merenda



Brian Miller
Orville Miller
Robin Miller
Teri Miller
Stephanie Montelongo
Steve Mooney



Jeff Morrow
Shirley Murry
Anita Nation
Penny Nelson
Tim Nelson
Maria Nevarez

Training guide dogs for the blind becomes pleasant occupation for Nina Satriles

the experience is rewarding but she must learn to remain unattached and unemotional

PROFILE

Nina Satriles has trained guide dogs for blind Americans for nearly seven years, and admits, "Giving them up is hard, but it's worth all you put into it when you see the dog that you've trained leading a blind person."

Starting at the young age of nine, she began instructing dogs as a 4-H project for Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc., located in San Rafael, California. Only pure-bred dogs are trained, and the three breeds used are Golden Retriever, Labradors, and German Shepherds. Altogether, Nina's family has trained eleven dogs. Receiving the dogs at the age of three months, and keeping them for one year, Nina's task is to train her dogs in 'Simple Obedience and Socializing.'

Simple Obedience consists of teaching the animal five basic commands: sit, stay, heel, down, and fetch. To socialize the dog, Nina takes it out in public to familiarize it with crowds and traffic.



When the dog has been thoroughly trained, it is sent on to formal training at obedience school in San Rafael. Nina is proud of the dogs she has trained.

Steve Nicolai
Mike Nuget
Iris O'Halloren



Diane Oliver
Richard Ordaz
Veronica Padia



David Page
Peggy Palmer
Pauline Parker



Thad Parkinson
Francie Passalagua
Steven Pate



Dale Paugh
Donna Payne
Suzan Pearson
Gretchen Peek
Carolyn Peel
Theresa Peltz
Bernardo Pena
Maricela Pena



Anna Perez
Albert Perez
Eduardo Perez
Kay Petty
Bobby Pimentel
Jessica Potts
Yvette Poulos
Teri Powell





upper left: Nina Satriles grooms her guide dog-in training, Moose, a daily part of dog care.

above: The field by Nina's house serves as an ideal place to train Moose to heel.

left: Nina throws a stick for Moose to fetch during a walk along the Tuolumne River.

far left: Feeding an always-hungry Moose is also a part of her daily dog care routine.



Kushma Prasad
Debbie Rakow



Luz Ramirez
Angie Rangle



Roger Richard
Ana Rivas



Lisa Robertson
Laura Rodrigues
Dolores Rodriguez



Liz Rodriguez
Rachel Rodriguez
Jean Rosa



Patricia Rosales
Rachel Rosas
Rosie Rosas
Danny Rost
Dean Rush
Robert Salsi
Deanne Sandoval
Michael Sandoval



Miguel Sandoval
Donna Sangster
Kelly Santos
Robert Sather
Nina Satriles
Glenn Schmidt
Terri Schoonover
Tim Schoonover



Carlene Scoggin
Miguelita Sedilla
Mitchell Selfridge



Charles Sexton
Christopher Shaw
Carol Sherman



Bob Silva
Kevin Silva
Rick Simental



upper left: Tracy Swartz, Robert Madrigal,
Anita Nation, and Kirk Melson smile proud-
ly, displaying their dazzling mouthfuls.
above: Mike Bizzini shows off his new
sideburns to friends.

George Soares
Robert Soares
Mark Soukup
Rosemary Sousa
Ursula Spani
Dave Stein
David Sullivan
Rosie Sullivan



Cindy Swanson
Tracy Swartz
Toni Taylor
Randy Terra
Yen Thai
David Thomason
Linda Tilley
Penny Todaro



Jose Torrez
Raydene Travao
Jose Trujillo
Doreen Tuggle
Deborah Ureta
Albert Urquidez
Jeffrey Vail
Tina Vance





In a time when young people, male and female, were frequently generalized in the often-heard phrase 'teenagers are all alike,' a search for individualism seemed a necessity for many.

Promising a perfect, flawless smile upon their removal, the acquisition of braces became a sometimes frustrating experience. Forced to endure labels such as 'tinsel-teeth,' 'brace-face,' and 'tin-grin,' students strove drastically to reduce their once-glittering smiles to the safety of a simple grin. These corrective devices found their way into the mouths of many Juniors during a trying time of unsteady growth and change. For the lucky ones, the braces remained for a few months. Many others, though, endured a period of a year or more.

Mustaches, beards, and sideburns, for those Junior boys who could and decided to grow them, added a flare of variety to the MHS campus. A new trend recently gaining notoriety, the growth of facial hair offered the chance to distinguish oneself.

Whether with a pair of sideburns, a full beard or well-kept mustache, numerous Junior boys set themselves apart in attempts to be different

from their peers. Their success spiced the halls and classrooms as teachers noticed an emerging maturity in the personalities of these students.

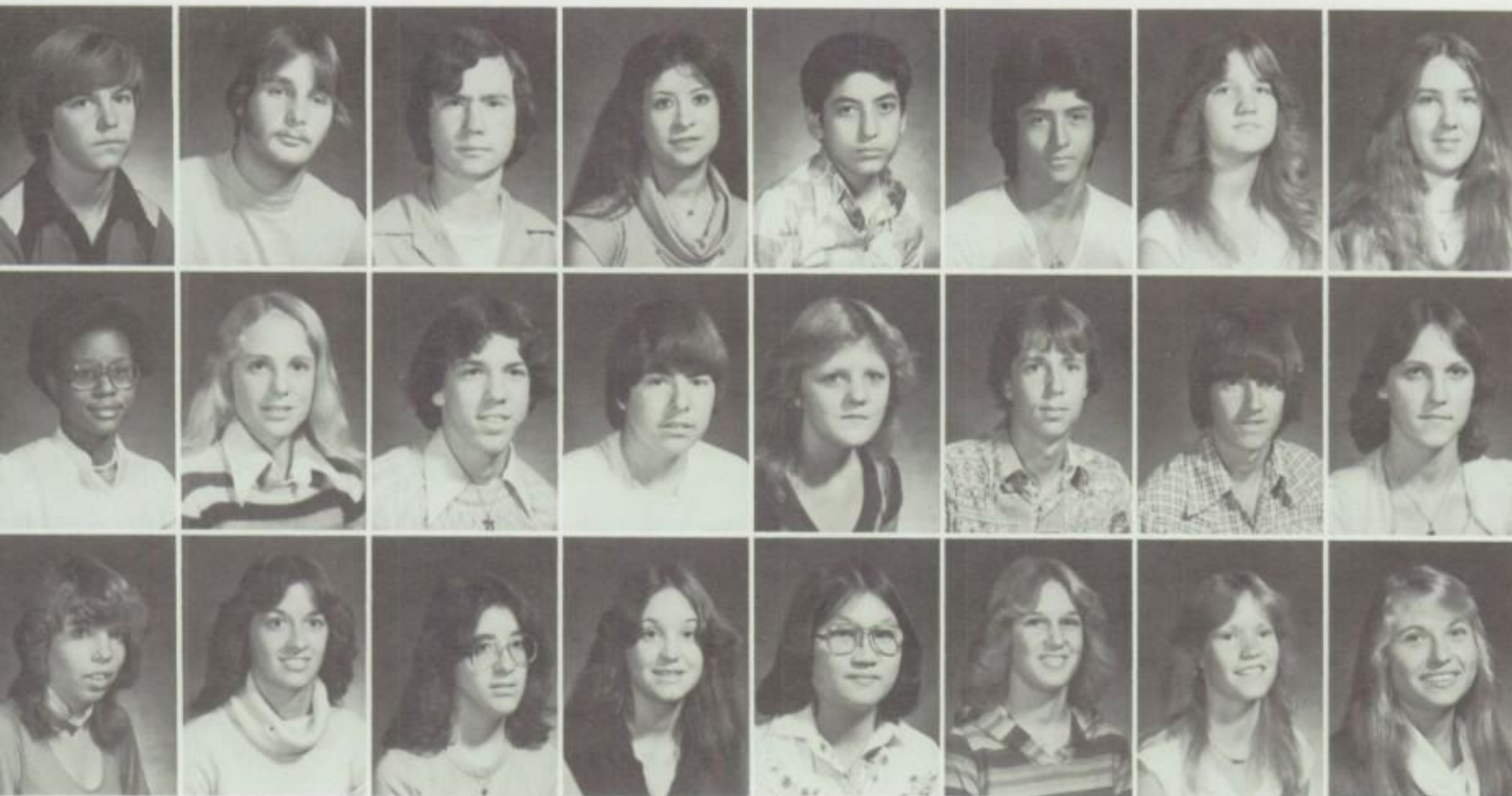
Braces bring frowns; beards, mustaches, sideburns spell out 'individualism'

variety of facial adornments helps students 'improve on Mother Nature'



center: Gathering in the courtyard, Chris Shaw, George Soares, and Tony Van Oostende sport their impressive mustaches and beards.

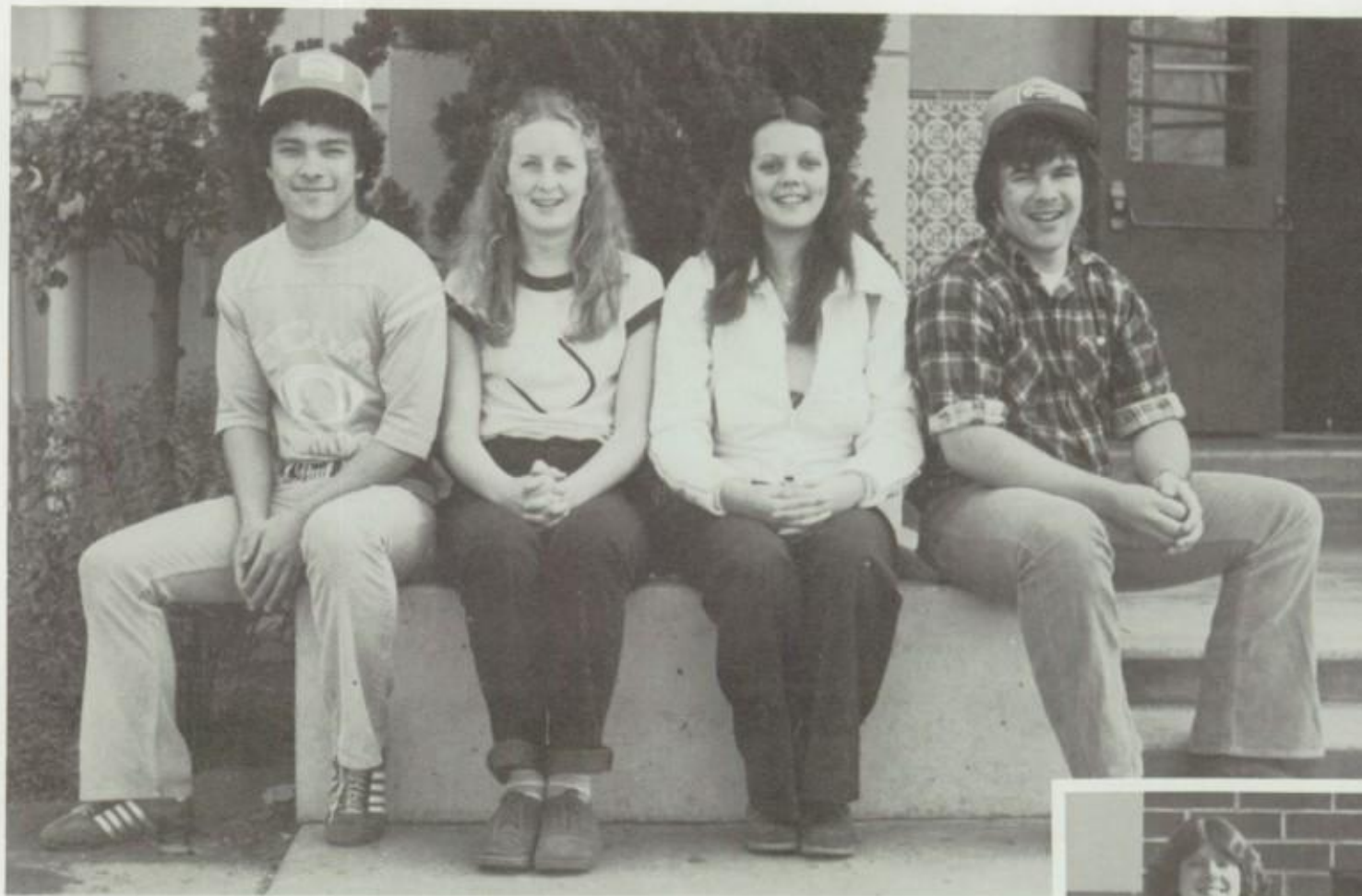
left: Sam Abid flashes a familiar smile to friends across the courtyard.



Bryan Van Holland
Tony Van Oostende
Daniel Van Wert
Martha Vera
Mauricio Vera
Armando Villegas
Rene Walker
Linda Warford

Bobbie Waters
Shanon Watson
John Webb
John Welch
Sharon Westman
Alan Weststeyn
Daniel Wheeler
Anna Whisler

Kari White
Pamela White
Reta Whitehead
Jana Williams
Nanci Wong
Michelle Wright
Lynne Wyrick
Aquetta Yarborough



above, Spring Sophomore Class Officers: Paul Harrison, treasurer; Sharon Bertozzi, secretary; Susan Singleton, president; Don Boucher, vice president.
right, Fall Sophomore Class Officers: Tammi Walker, treasurer; Becky Cloud, president; Debbie Sheppard, vice president; Angie Young, secretary.
upper right: Sophomore Class advisor Bertha West.

Sophomores slave to earn meager profit but Denim Dance successful

small group of class does most of work as rest succumb to general indifference

Under the leadership of fall class president, Becky Cloud, and spring class president, Susan Singleton, the Sophomore Class worked extremely hard to make its main event of the year, the Denim Dance, a success.

In order to finance this activity, the sophomores held a bake sale, a slave auction, and a poster sale. Regretably, the Class of '81 showed a profit of only eighty four dollars for these three activities, but that

was enough to help them break even on the Denim Dance.

The apathy so prevalent elsewhere on campus invaded the ranks of the Class of '81, as much of the work, and credit for success, was handled by the same dedicated group of sophomore zealots.

Class advisor Bertha West observed, "The class did pretty well as a whole, but a lot of individuals could use some improvement if they are to be successful in the future."



Kathy Abdill
Joe Ables
Gustado Aguillar
Robert Aguirre
Jeff Agundez
Ruben Alberto
Humberto Alberto
Lora Alexander

Francisco Alvarado
Betty Alvarez
Rosa Alvarez
George Amaya
Karl Anderson
Sheila Anderson
Steve Anderson
Miguel Arrizon





Sigifredo Avila
Nancy Ayala
Robbie Ayala
Jeff Azevedo



Sherry Bailey
Gene Balentine
Raquel Barrera
Barbara Bass



Don Boucher
Carmen Bautista
Eric Beck
Ceasar Benavides



Robert Berry
Sharon Bertozzi
Rosaline Bettencourt
Debbie Black



Loren Boone
Rhonda Bradley
Alisa Brazeal
John Brower



Janice Brown
Alonzo Bryant
Dorothy Bryant
Tom Burrell



Angie Burris
Mike Cain
Scott Calkins
Elsie Camarillo
Sergio Camacho
Diane Canto
Josephine Cardenas
Richard Cardenas



Susan Casey
Walfred Castanada
Albert Castillo
Katherine Castillo
Juan Castillo
Robbie Chambers
Nedra Chase
Jeanie Clark

Feathers, leather and beads help Paul Harrison restore an old way of life

he finds being an Indian rewarding in many ways as he seeks his roots in learning customs of the past

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Continuing the diverse traditions of one's heritage is a lifestyle found all too infrequently in today's society. Paul Harrison's Cherokee ancestry has sparked his interest in learning about his own and other Indian cultures and traditions. He and other members of the American Indian Club attend weekly meetings of the Indian Education Program as well as pow wows during field trips.

One of the main activities at pow wows is Indian dancing, consisting of old time, traditional, and fancy. Each dance lasts an exhausting 35 to 40 continuous minutes.

"My favotite is fancy dance," Paul comments, "because it's faster than the others, and I can use my own style and add new moves. It takes a lot of practice to be a good fancy dancer," he concludes. Working out at home with cassettes and records, or at the Indian Education Center keeps him in practice and condition, vital to winning the

dance competitions he enters.

When Paul became a member of the AIC in 1977 he was encouraged to make a dance costume. Now the AIC president, he continues adding beads and feathers to make it more authentic. His grandfather handed down some of his own hawk feathers to adorn the costume. Paul has acquired a thorough knowledge of beadwork and leathercraft, since each piece of the outfit was handmade.



Kimberly Clark
William Clark



Connie Cleek
Becky Cloud



Becky Colon
Julia Contreras



Keith Coonce
Donald Coons



Greg Cooper
Gricelda Cortes
Xochitl Covarrubias
David Cramer
Carl Cristensen
Gary Crouch
Suzanne Crum
Eric Cruz



Arthor Cuevas
Michele Curci
Robert Davis
Mike Davis
Roxanne Davis
Linda Deering
Ruth Delano
Gina Del Re





left: Paul Harrison concentrates on putting his costume together correctly.
upper left: Paul takes a break after a dance.
upper right: Taking his hobby seriously, Paul confidently performs in front of his classmates.
above: Paul has been practicing the ancient Indian dances for several years.



Vicky De Simone
 John Dias
 Shawn Dias
 Cherly Dodd
 Rodolfo Duran



Cheryl Duvall
 Karen Dwyer
 Jimmie Easley



Richard Elam
 William Engeler
 Steve Escobar



Tammy Evans
 Eddie Faria
 Cindy Fee



Denise Felser
 Genise Felser
 Irma Fernandez
 Robert Figueroa
 Tammy Fletcher



Russell Foster
 Leah Fox
 Rich Fultz
 Gina Furtado
 Nick Gallardo
 Joey Galvez
 Verna Gann
 Humberto Garcia



Barbara Gardener
 Keith Gibson
 Frances Gil
 David Gilbert
 Dee Gilbert
 Galena Gilstrap
 John Gish
 Marlene Gong

Frank Gonzales
Rolando Gonzales
Carlos Gracia
David Grant
Bobby Gratton
Lee Grays
Jeff Gregory
Gary Grogan



Leah Gullatt
Stephanie Gunter
Sheryl Hamilton
Marci Harris
Paul Harrison
Jay Hatter
Becky Hawkins
Lori Henson



Carlos Heredia
Jill Hoke
Kelly Hoke
John Hooper
David Howell
Dwight Hunnicutt
Carolyn Hurst



Verla Ivie
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Viola Jackson
Efren Jimenez



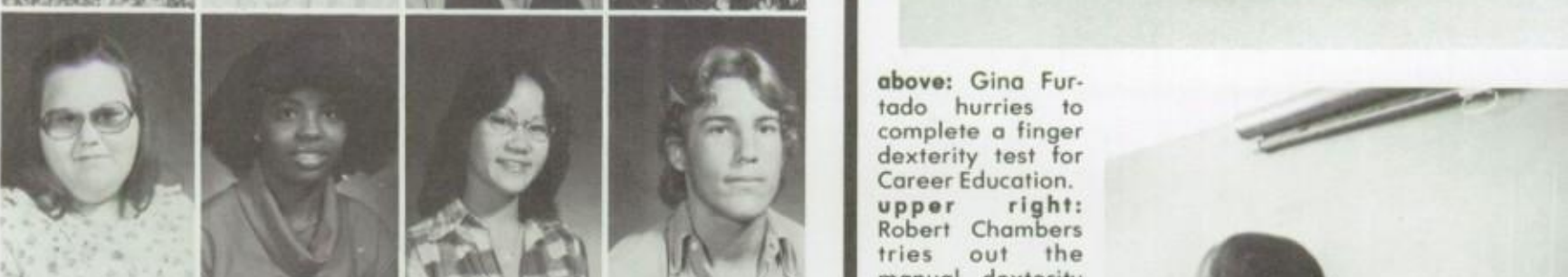
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Brenda Jones
Steven Jones
Cherie Kay



Mike Kelsay
Mark Ketchum
Mark Ketrone
Darrell Kostner



Nancy Lake
Star Larry
Edie Lau
Mike Lewis



Alfredo Leza
Maria Linhares
Ron Long
Michael Lopes



above: Gina Furtado hurries to complete a finger dexterity test for Career Education.

upper right: Robert Chambers tries out the manual dexterity section of the GATB Test.

far right: Jerry Naylor and Cesar Benavidez perfect their CPR method on a mannequin in Health Ed.

right: Mr. Len Kaiser, Driver Ed instructor, uses a diagram to explain a traffic situation.





Desi Lopez
Martha Lopez
Ernie Louis
Lita Love
Diane Lovelady
Paula Lovett
Mike Macedo



Rex Madden
Phuong Mai
Paul Marquez
Diane Martin
Lynne Martin
Alex Martinez
Moises Martinez



Michelle Masquart
Julie Mattox
Randy Mayfield
Richard Mayhew
Gary Maxwell

Enrollment in the classes known as 'Sophomore Goals' during their second year is required for Sophomores. Since most become sixteen during the year, Driver Ed provides the first step toward the achievement of a Driver License. With Driver Ed utilizing only one quarter of the year, the time remaining provides for a quarter of Career Planning and a semester of Health Education.

Fundamentals of driving theory and auto safety were stressed by Driver Training instructors who also covered the hazardous effects of drugs and alcohol on normal driving during the 6-week course offered during PE classes.

Allotted one semester and centered around basic first aid and general health and hygiene, Health Ed informed many students for the first time of the techniques of CPR, artificial respiration and other first aid practices.

Sophomores took their first steps toward learning the ins and outs of the job field and the skills required by prospective employers in Career Planning. By far, the sophomore year provides challenging classes which help to guide and inform students, preparing them for life after high school.

Required classes keep sophomores busy with preparations for future

Career Planning, Driver Ed, and Health Ed for all students; Driver Training and Consumer Awareness also popular



Ramona McFarland
 Bill McGill
 Ellen McHale
 Steve McManis
 Rolando Meeks
 Albert Mendonca
 Gilbert Mendoza
 Colleen Miller



Pat Miller
 Sheldon Miller
 Tina Mitts
 Stephen Moffre
 Rosanna Molina

Self-defense comes as second nature to mild-mannered karate student Larry Young

Karate student Larry Young gets his exercise by hitting the air. He runs, jumps, and at the peak his foot shoots out and kicks a tree. As he lands lightly on his feet, a piece of bark is missing.

Larry has been studying karate for a year and a half, although "I've been facinated by karate since I was a kid." He began with Shoshu at Moore's in Modesto, where he received the third purple stripe on his orange belt. He is now studying Bak Chuan Fa-Pai (meaning northern artful fist-style) which goes by sashes instead of belts (a white sash is the equivalent of a black belt).

Larry plans to continue his education in the martial arts under instructor Bruce Lockard, and may study other styles such as Askirma before he is done.



left: Bruce Lockard helps Larry with his form, which plays a major role in the martial arts.
above: A flying knife edge demonstrated by Larry is a very dramatic form of attack to watch in operation.

top: Practicing simultaneous blocks and punches is a large part of learning karate, which Larry does with deep concentration.
right: The Kneeling Horse is a fighting position which is very beneficial to the person using it.



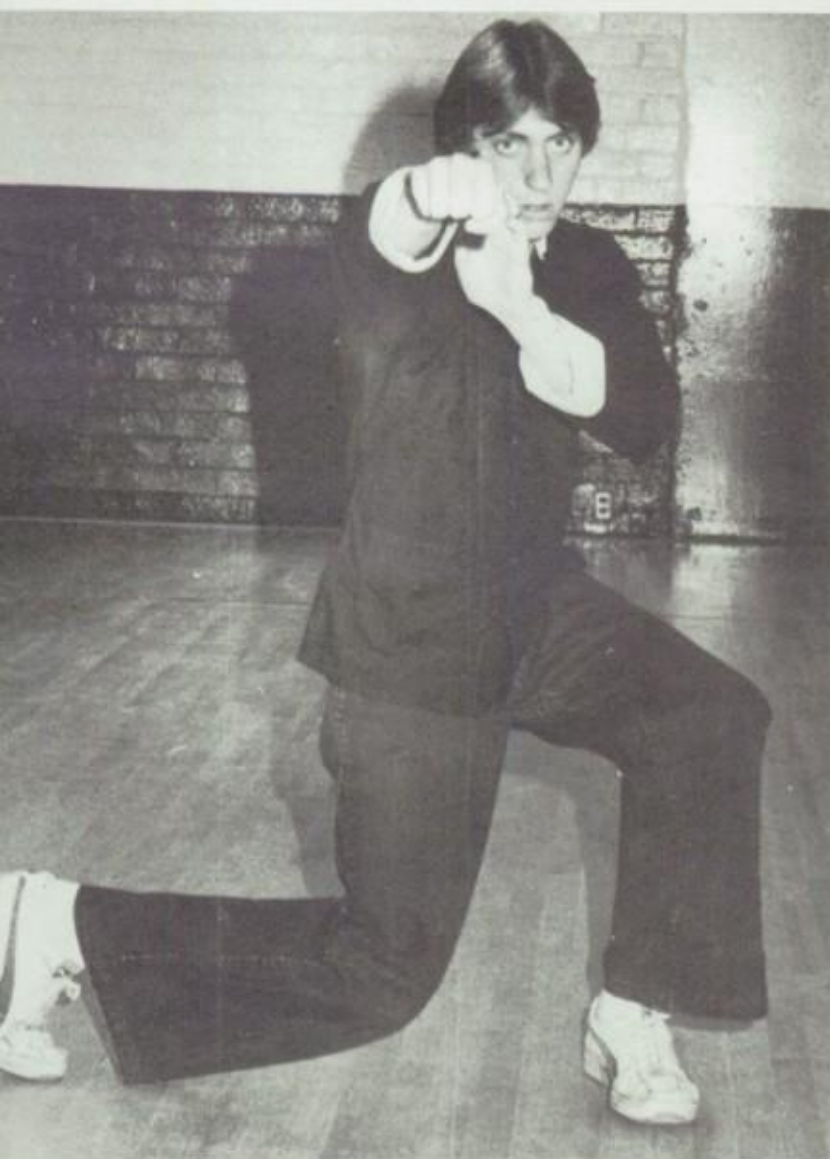
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James Morgan
Kevin Moses
Cynthia Mossmayer
Philip Natchatelo
Selena Nash



Jerry Naylor
Sandy Nelson
Patty Noble
Geraldine Nunes
Mark O'Kelly
Ty O'Laughlin
Gabie Olivas
Priscilla Ortega



Fred Osborne
Kay Osibin
Suzanne Ostorero
Cindy Ott
Clem Ott
Kevin Packard
Dennis Park
Steven Pate



Irma Pena
Arturo Peral
Socorro Perez
Greg Porcella



Raymond Pogue
Sixto Porras
Steve Pound
Gary Powell



Leasia Prescott
Mark Quattrin
Brandee Raley
Mike Rangle



Pete Ramos
Vidal Ramirez
Sabrena Reim
Tony Rocha



Gilbert Rosenberg
Sharon Robinson
Tony Rueda
Pat Rutledge
Diana Sai
Carol Sanchez
Henry Sandoval
Maria Sandoval

Pete Sandoval
Denise Sanford
Gerald Sangster
Joe Schwolow
Jeff Scoggin
Esmerelda Sedillo



Rosie Serra
Mary Shaird
Debbie Shaw
Debbie Sheppard
Derek Shuman
Anna Sierra



Cathy Silk
Becky Simpson
Robert Simpson



Susan Singleton
Tim Sinner
Kathy Sisk



Carl Skaggs
Carol Smith
Karen Smith



Cynthia Smith
Valerie Smith
Coby Snyder
Elva Soto
Lawrence Steanes
Debbie Stroud



Janise Sutton
Charles Tadey
Verta Tannehill
Ricky Taylor
Bob Teeple
Grey Tenpenny
John Thomas
Robert Thomas



Ferina Thompson
Rigo Trejo
Marvin Trudell
Chris Usiak
Tom Vallin
Genise Van Duyn
Renee Van Holland
Robert Van Vactor



right: By order of masters, Edie Lau, Gina tado, Debbie Shepp, Sabrina Reim, Maria Linh, Suzanne Crum, Becky C and Michele Curci sing school hymn in front of school.





After a year of being bullied and antagonized by upperclassmen, the Class of '81 began the sophomore year with experience and awareness behind them. Arriving at the magical age of sixteen, many Sophomores gained the privilege to legally cruise McHenry in their own cars, if they were fortunate enough to own them. Yet some quickly lost the privilege, learning firsthand that the responsibilities of driving should not be underestimated.

The aftermath of Proposition 13 inevitably affected the Class of '81, with fewer electives available to them, and physical education becoming optional next year.

Scholastically, Sophomores claimed to have barely survived the drudgery of required classes, including health, driver ed, and career planning. In addition, they found the compulsory Basic Competency Tests distasteful.

Reaching the half-way mark of their high school careers, Sophomores finished the year consoled by the fact that only two more years of high school life lay in their future



upper left: Genise Van Duyn and Bunny McHale show no hesitation in exhibiting their Monday morning tempers.

left: At the Sophomore Slave Sale, auctioneer Don Boucher points out the winning bidder as Edie Lau unemotionally eyes her master.



Sophomores celebrate relief from underdog status but look forward to future as upperclassmen

Classroom drudgery survived by concentration on enjoyment of extra-curricular activities



Alice Velasquez
Rosa Velasquez
Robert Veneman



Martha Vera
John Verissimo
David Villapuda



Paul Villasenor
John Vlach
Cecil Wantland



Monty Warren
Tim Watson
Diana Westbrook



Penny Wheaton
Doug Wheeler
Lisa White
Scott Williams
Tricia Williams
Chris Willmerth
Richard Wilson
Lee Wong



Tami Wright
Gilbert Ybarra
Corrina Young
Larry Young
Richard Young
Kurt Zellman
Norma Zavala
Janie Zumbach

Claude Adams
Peter Adams
Bobby Agundez
Anthony Akala



Elizabeth Albert
Elias Alberto
Juan Alberto
Dorsela Aldana



Nolonda Alexander
Kevin Alkire
Jim Alvarado
Anita Amaya



David Amaya
Becky Anderson
David Anderson
Michelle Anderson



William Anglin
Regina Avila
Shelly Avila
Jeff Azevedo



Cheryl Babb
Angela Baker
Irma Baldez
Doug Balmain



Nick Balsedo
Melinda Barboza
Johnny Barron
Lupe Barron
Connie Basore
Kathy Batterwhite
Susan Bauman
Pete Bazan



India Beckner
Pamela Belcher
Raymond Bettencourt
Tarra Bettencourt
Charles Blunt
Cynthia Boday
Nathan Bomar
Gerald Bond





left, Spring Freshman Class Officers: Maureen Simpson, treasurer; Theresa Brasil, president; Tim Simmons, vice president; Laurie Bradford, secretary.
upper left: Freshman Class advisors Marvin Lundquist and H. L. Clark.
above, Fall Freshman Class Officers: Maureen Simpson, vice president; Tim Simmons, president; Susan Haggard, secretary; Theresa Chavez, treasurer.



Early in September the freshmen got a look at what was ahead of them on their new, larger campus: new, exciting faces and definitely a new set of traditions to learn and follow.

The Class of '82 was quick to copy the upperclassmen, going to parties, 'cruisin' McHenry, and seeking new romances.

Nearly 500 strong, the young Panthers proved themselves in academics, spirit, and athletics, joining upperclassmen in student activities. The frosh found new ways to raise money in-

dividually and as a group, and soon found new ways to spend it, as well.

As always, leaders emerged to head class projects. Tim Simmons, fall class president, remarked, "We work well together." Tim did a good job as president, getting the freshmen off to a good start with such fund-raising activities as a slave sale, bake sale, and car wash.

Theresa Brasil was elected spring class president. She confidently expects the Class of '82 to emerge as respected leaders of Modesto High.

Freshmen quickly learn their way around new campus, join activities

start off right with fund-raising, other activities to get involved



Chris Bonnet
 Marjorie Boone
 Melinda Boone
 Cyndy Borges
 Natal Borges
 Mamie Botello
 Sandra Boulmare
 Laure Bradford

Theresa Brasil
 Billy Breazeale
 Roy Bridges
 Kelli Brown
 Shawn Brown
 Thesia Brown
 Viola Brown
 Kristina Browne

John Brughelli
Patricia Buckley
Cheire Burges
Michelle Burke
Rebecca Burke
Vicki Burkes
Tom Burns
Jean Burrel
Vicki Burris



Sherrie Burrow
Mariano Cacho
Jeff Cagle
Cindy Calton
Ed Campbell
Joann Cantu
Ruben Cantu
Charles Carney
Theresa Carreon



Debbie Castlburn
Chris Cervantes
Bobby Chadwick
Verna Chalk
Francisco Chapa
Paul Charron
Christy Chastain
Teresa Chavez
Robert Cheatham



Dawn Christiansen
Lori Chistiansen
Linda Cisco
Allen Clancy
Mike Clark
Donald Clemons
Richard Cloud
Kristine Cole
Manuel Colon



Roy Conley
David Connacher
Teresa Conrad
Maria Contreras
Donald Coons
David Conway
Carol Copenhaver
Cheryl Copenhaver
Karen Corgiat



Karol Corgiat
Felbert Coronado
Donald Corrales
Howard Cosby
Shawna Crane
Adam Crum



Michelle Cruson
Monica Demings
Esther Diaz
Martin Dieu
Carolyn Diefenderfer
Norman Dixon





"I'm gonna grow!" says one of Modesto High's smallest students, Doug Balmain, with conviction. At 4' 9" and a trim 90 pounds, the little freshman feels it's much quicker and easier to get around school by being small, since he can dart through small spaces in the crowds.

Doug is the youngest of six children. He spends a lot of his time playing left field for the frosh baseball team. The rest of his spare time he divides between watching TV and watching girls, although he admits "it's hard to find a girlfriend smaller but still the same age as me."

Being small isn't all a downer, though, according to Doug. He feels he gets special attention from a lot of the other kids because he's so short, and as for teasing, "it usually doesn't bother me. When people tease me, I just take it as a joke."

When asked if he hopes to grow taller, Doug responded quickly, "If I had my choice, I'd really like to be 6'2" like my brother who's 18."

'Smallest kid' Doug Balmain enjoys freedom, attention but hopes to grow

tiny left fielder wants to reach 6'2"



upper left: Doug Balmain works on a silk screen in Graphic Arts class.

above: Although Doug is one of the smallest kids in school, that doesn't keep him from enjoying and participating in sports. In addition to playing baseball, he is also a member of the Freshman Basketball Team.

left: Doug and his friend Randy Ragar are surrounded by taller people on their way to lunch.

far left: Doug is easily distracted from his reading assignment in a World Geography class.

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Bobby Donaldson
Lewis Douglas
Marilyn Driver



David Duarte
Elizabeth Duenos



Lisa Duke
Robert Elam



Jeannie Eldridge
Dennis England



Esteban Escamilla
Abel Espinoza



Glen Evins
Kathy Fea
Karen Fernandes



Chris Fielder
Robert Folores
Tony Franco
Mike Fulkerson
Gary Furiosi
Alys Gains
Kristina Gali
Stephanie Garber



Juan Garcia
Ricky Garcia
Stephanie Garner
Danny Gentry
Robert Gil
Nancy Givens
Cheryl Goldman
Kimberly Goldman



above: Lolly Tuggle enjoys herself on Crazy Day.
upper right: Jeff Azevedo, John Brughelli, Pete Adams, Debbie Eastburn, Laurie Strohm, Becky Wing, and Debbie Langerman wait their turns as Dawn Christensen watches the eclipse.





Perpetuating the tradition of spirited involvement, the Class of '82 quickly adapted itself to the pace of high school life. Freshmen found the challenge of competing and participating easy to accept, with a wide range of special days and activities.

The various dress-up days, Friday afternoon rallies, and Frosh games on Thursdays all attracted many participants, as both boys and girls easily overcame their initial timidity and joined in the fun.

Adapting themselves to the 'grown-up' routine of supporting Modesto High School at athletic events and other extra-curricular activities, Freshmen demonstrated their involvement and exuberance by capturing the Pep-O-Meter crown through their boisterous enthusiasm. The Class of '82 thus established itself as a force to be reckoned with the next three years.



above: Cindy Borges, Irma Baldez, and Shelly Avila enjoy light conversation during lunch.

left: Lorna Hennessee, Theresa Brasil, Shelly Avila, Tarra Bettencourt, Dorsela Aldana, Regina Avila, Karen Corgiat and Bernadine Nunes cheer their team on for a sure win.

Freshmen show spirit, involvement through eager participation in MHS activities

Join club, athletic, spirit events with boisterous exuberance



Juan Gomez
Jose Gonzalez
Ramona Goodloe



Charlotte Gordon
Mike Gouker
Yolanda Gracia



Diane Grady
Jeffrey Greff
Frank Gunter



Carla Gullatt
Susan Haggard
Tina Hammond



Carrie Hampton
Sherril Hanlon
Bertha Haro
Steve Hawkins
Debbie Hellums
Lorna Hennessee
Eddie Henriques
Ron Henry



Shawn Henry
William Henry
Carlotta Hernandez
Joe Hernandez
Robert Herrera
Cynthia Herrings
Robbie Hilterbrand
Kenneth Hobson

Regan Hodges
Sally Hodges
Karen Holiday
Kimberly Holland
Penelope Holstead
Shari Horton
Nita House
Chuck Houser



Douglas Hudson
Mike Ibarra
Estel Ingram
Richard Jackson
Guillermo Jimenez
Ray Jimenez
Carmen Johnson
Coleman Johnson



Sheri Johnson
Bryan Kanar
Frank Kane
Dianne Keeton
Richard Kelley
Marlene Ketrone
Jessica King
Paul Klink



Debbie Langerman
Billie Lee
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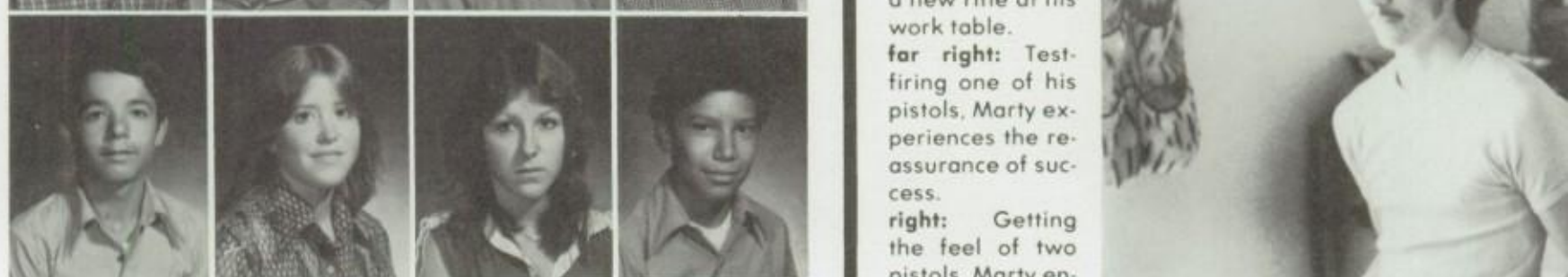
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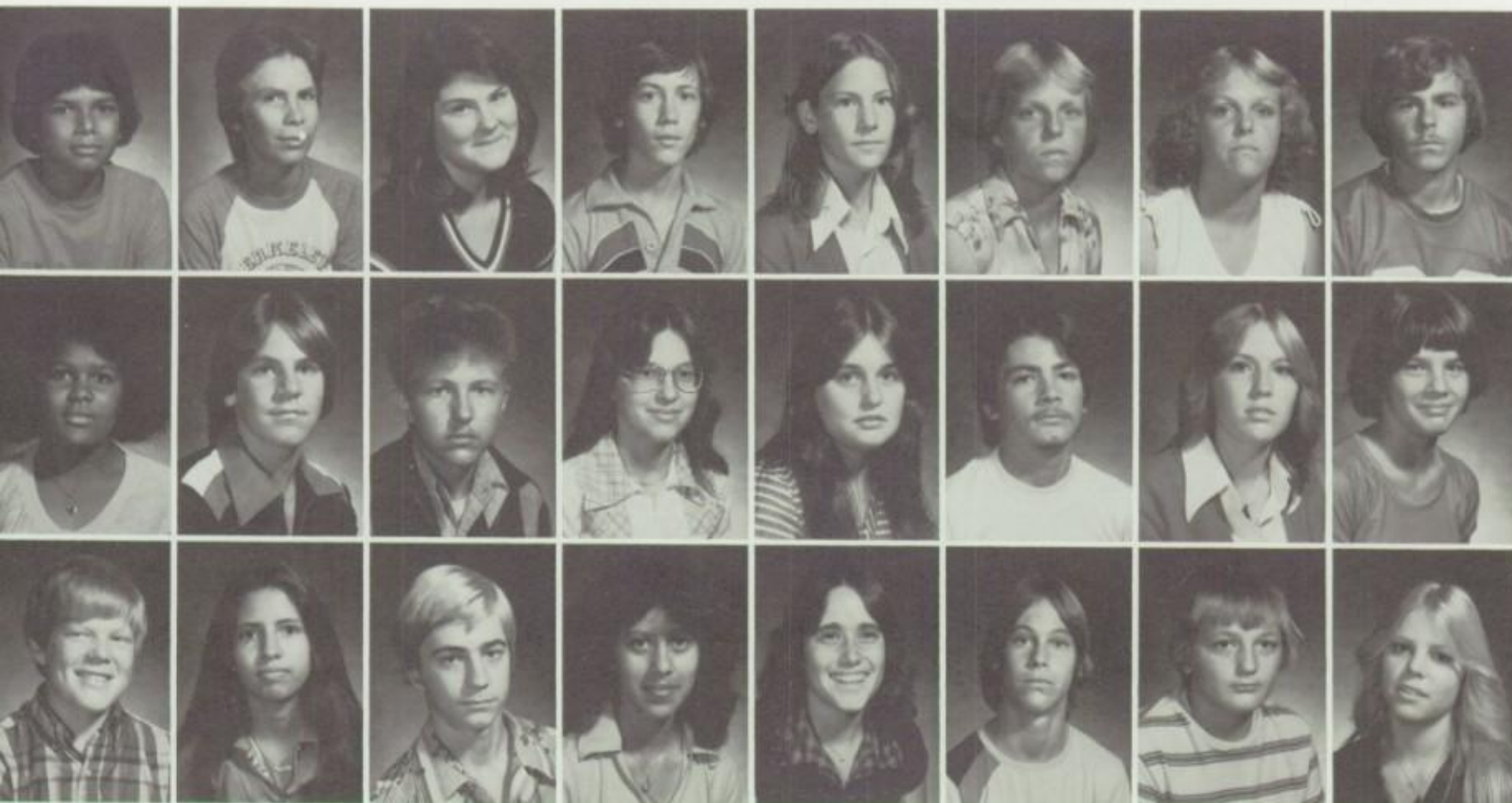
above: Marty Roberts examines three of the guns which he has assembled.

upper right: Marty puts together a new rifle at his work table.

far right: Test-firing one of his pistols, Marty experiences the reassurance of success.

right: Getting the feel of two pistols, Marty enjoys his hobby.





Luis Martinez
Ronnie Martinez
Dawn Mason
Mike McGrath
Stephanie McGrath
Debbie McKenzie
Julie McKenzie
Andy Medeiros

Renn Meeks
Paul Menghetti
Richard Merryman
Tessa Montoy
Lori Moore
John Morend
Cindy Morgan
Susan Morris

Richard Mossmayer
Julie Murillo
Alan Museby
Martha Nayares
Lee Ann Neighbors
Kevin Nelson
Ricky Nelson
Patricia Neuman



Pursuing an interest in old-time firearms one step further than most enthusiasts, freshman Marty Roberts builds his own authentic muzzle loader guns. He became interested in this hobby nearly a year ago when he visited a friend's house and saw a hand-built Kentucky rifle. Marty admits his hobby can quickly become very expensive. With prices ranging from twenty five to six hundred dollars, obtaining a gun kit is a special occasion.

"What I like even better than

building my guns is to fire them successfully," states Marty. Among his favorites are a Philadelphia derring-er, a Kentucky pistol, a mountain pistol, and a Hawkins rifle, for which the kit cost him \$120. These firearms are still operated in the same way as the originals from which they were copied.

Marty looks forward to maintaining his collection for a long time. He also anticipates constructing his own cannon to add to his rapidly-growing arsenal.

Hand-building old-time firearms holds fascination for Marty Roberts

makes his own authentic replicas of muzzle-loaders from basic kits



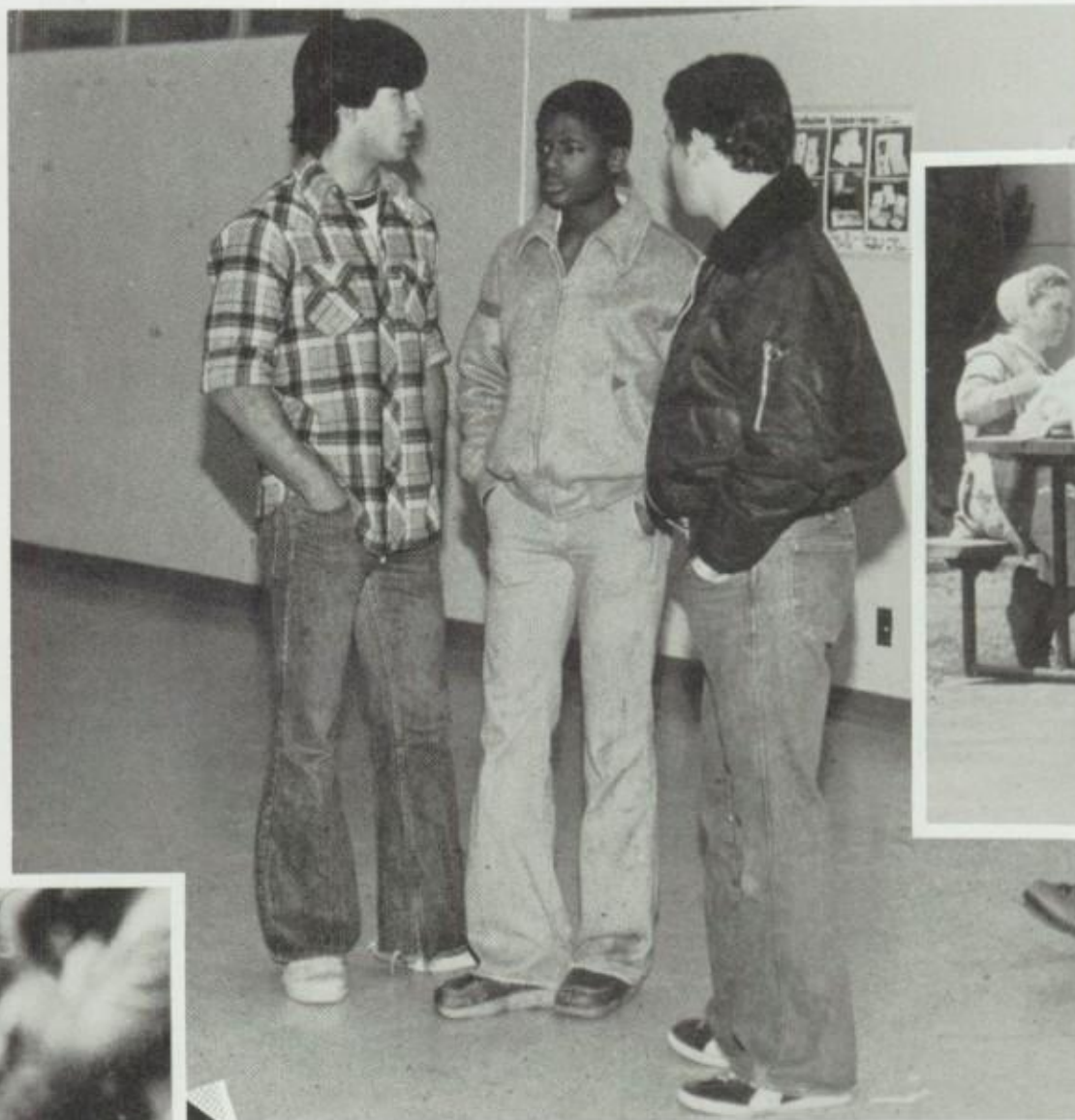
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right: Mark Henson, Scott Tomlin, and Doug Hudson discuss the benefits of being a freshman rather than an eighth grader.

far right: Relaxing in the courtyard, Stephanie Garber, Connie Basore, Marjorie Boone, Susan Bowman and India Beckner enjoy an open-air lunch.

below: Worn out after a rough gymnastics meet, Susan Haggard and Laure Bradford sip on a coke to refresh themselves.

lower right: Jeff Azevedo checks the results of the computer in his independent study math class.



Frosh breathe new life into apathetic upperclassmen

refreshing enthusiasm helps revive hopes for the future

Unfamiliar, hesitant, yet eagerly, the Freshman Class began the year. Getting used to a whole new lifestyle took some doing, as teachers, classmates, and school activities formed a new concept:

high school life. As they adjusted to the new surroundings, most frosh discovered that 'getting involved' was the name of the game.

A diversity of teams, clubs, and organizations were evaluated and appraised as the freshmen chose those groups that satisfied their personal interests and qualities. Yet not everyone found involvement appealing. Some chose the middle of the road,

cherishing their free time but feeling obligated to homework and classroom attendance. And still others shunned their new responsibilities altogether, finding other, less productive ways to spend school time.

Spirit seemed 'pre-planted' within the Freshman Class, as rally Pep-O-Meters and other contests were won by the exuberantly rowdy Class of '82, leaving the other classes awe-struck.

From discovering the hassles of class registration to the bright lights of McHenry on Friday nights, the Freshman Class revealed its vast diversity while gaining the leadership experience necessary for future success.



Juan Nevarez
Christoher Neves
Doug Nevitt
Michael Norleen
Bernadine Nunes
Elodia O'Halloran
Terry Holgate



Jose Ortega
Hugo Ortiz
Rebecca Pacheco
David Palmer
Melissa Palmer
Victor Peral
Socorro Perez



Efren Perez
Patti Peterson
Harvey Pimentel
Richard Pogue
Ruth Pometta
Donald Porcella
Glenn Potts
Robin Potts
Dayna Pound



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Boundary changes bring largest freshman class in recent years

**high-spirited class
sets example for
upperclassmen
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future students**

The newly-formed Class of '82 contains the largest collection of freshmen that MHS has welcomed in many years. Due to the boundary changes, students living in the Vintage Faire and Salida locales are now in the Modesto High attendance area instead of Beyer or Davis. This change has helped to reverse the current enrollment decline at Modesto High, and will hopefully lead to improved showings in

all areas of extra-curricular undertakings, from athletics to vocal music to competitive speech.

Already this year the eager frosh hurried to join clubs, sports, and other spirit-building activities. Their large numbers and high spirits were soon noticed by upperclassmen, both at the fall rallies and at the games, where they were easily the most spirited group MHS has produced in recent years.

Being involved became their main interest, until finals rolled around. Then the high-spirited frosh stuck their noses in their books and got down to 'serious business' just like everyone else.

above: Roy Bridges, Ray Jimenez and Harvey Pimental check out the situation in the courtyard before entering.

right: Freshmen Wesley Hatter, Tony Usiak, Karen Corgiat, Cindy Morgan, and Lolly Tuggle join a crowd in the courtyard for some noon-time entertainment.



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Pamela Short
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Shelly Swanson
Timothy Tate





top: Verna Chalk, Regina Avila, Shelly Avila, Lori Christenson, Maureen Simpson and Cindy Morgan find it easy to content themselves at their new school.
above: Adam Perez, Susan Haggard, David Wend, Armando Dias, Andy Barnett and Eddie Henriques eagerly await the outcome of the log sawing contest during FFA week.



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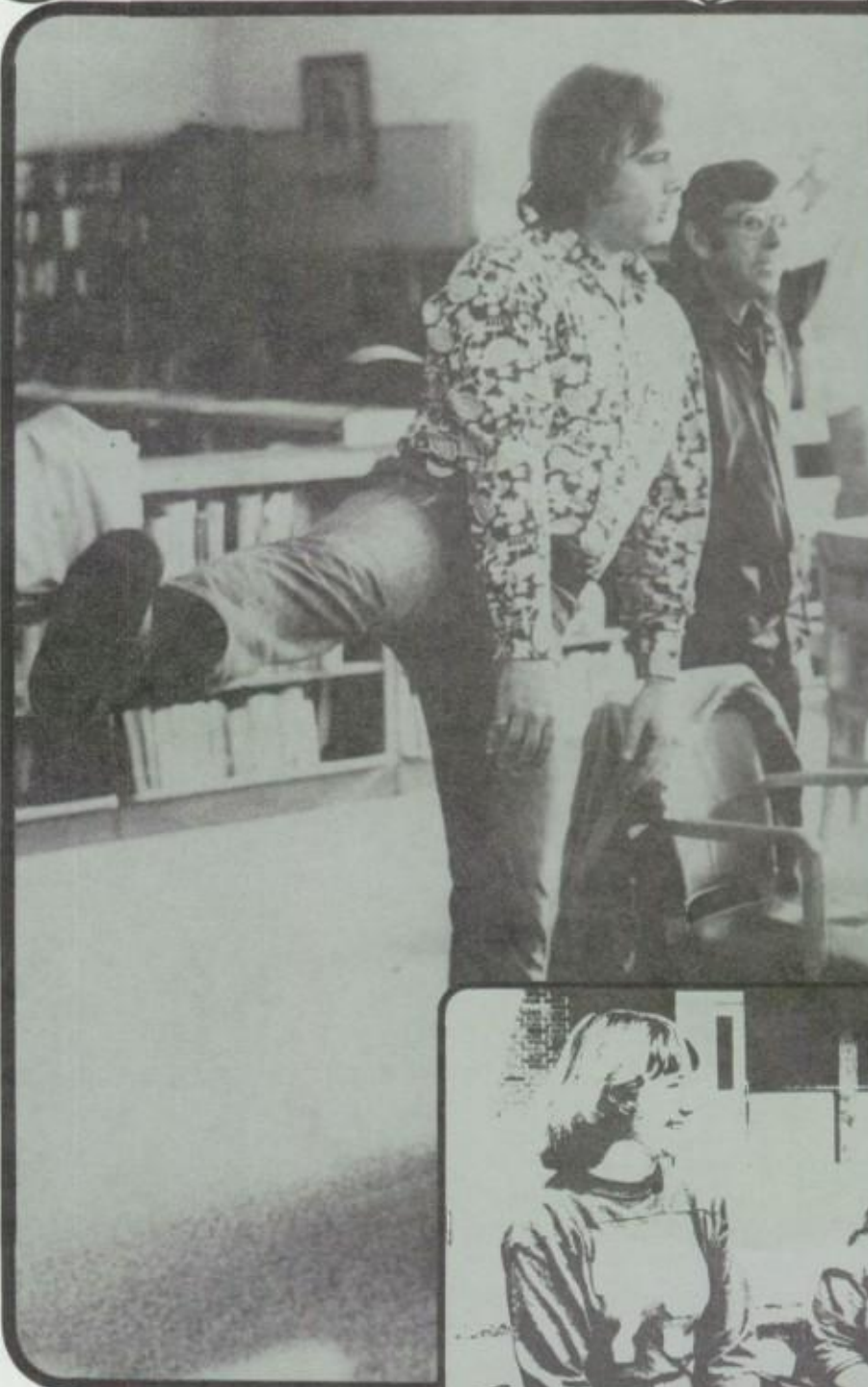
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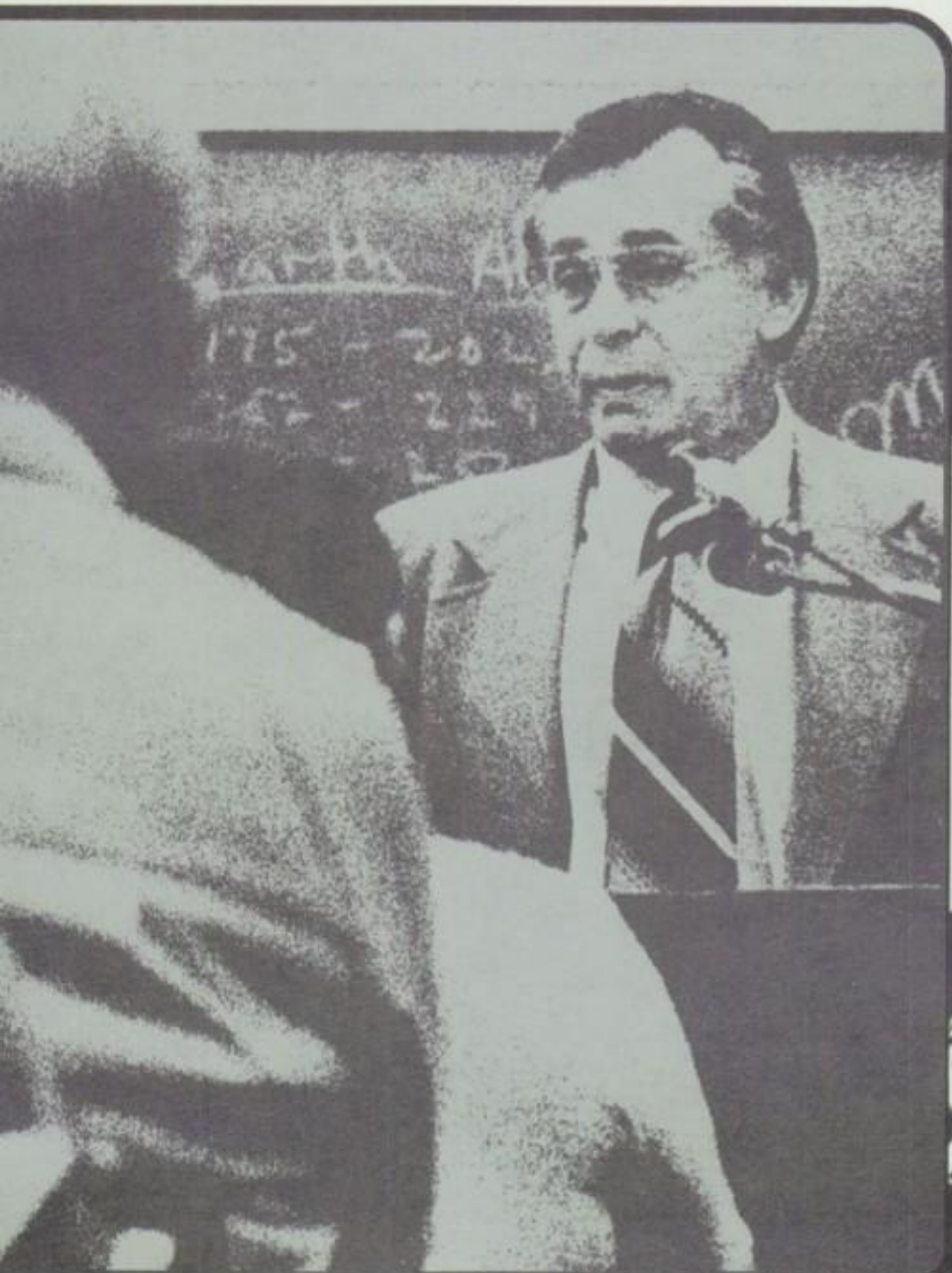
Summer '78 up

It was a year of frustration, defeat, disappointment. In short, it was a 'downer' kind of year. Hopes for improvement first dimmed with defeat of the tax override measure in March, 1978, and then were dashed completely with approval of Proposition 13 that June.

Non-instructional services were cut severely. Some programs were also reduced, and the 'dirty day schedule' was imposed. Two or more Unsatisfactory marks in conduct eliminated many students from participation in extra-curricular activities. And the school board made plans in February to reduce the instructional program by 7 to 10 per cent, sending 116 teachers lay-off notices for the coming year.

A sense of hopelessness, of helplessness, infected students and staff as apathy sapped their vitality. Attendance and participation declined at every event, from football and basketball to dances and the Senior Dinner. Yet through it all, that elusive quality called Panther Pride still worked its magic on many people, with Red and Black boosters agreeing that despite its current problems, Modesto High was still the greatest school around.





far upper left: Mr. Paul Abby and Mr. Bob Vanoy 'loosen up' during a session on tension at the teachers' institute workshop in March.

upper center: Superintendent Dr. Bert Corona explains to the MHS faculty what effect Proposition 13 is having on their budgets.

above: Trina Russell, Haskell Conrad, Dorothy Conrad, Lorraine Russell, Bonnie McCombs, and Dick McCombs examine the literature presented at a meeting of the Senior Hawaii Trip committee.

left: To be one of those students who are lining up in caps and gowns for the graduation ceremonies is the goal of every senior.

far left: Class jerseys, popular at all grade levels, help to identify students' class standing, from Barbara Ustick's '79' to Theresa Brasil's '82.'

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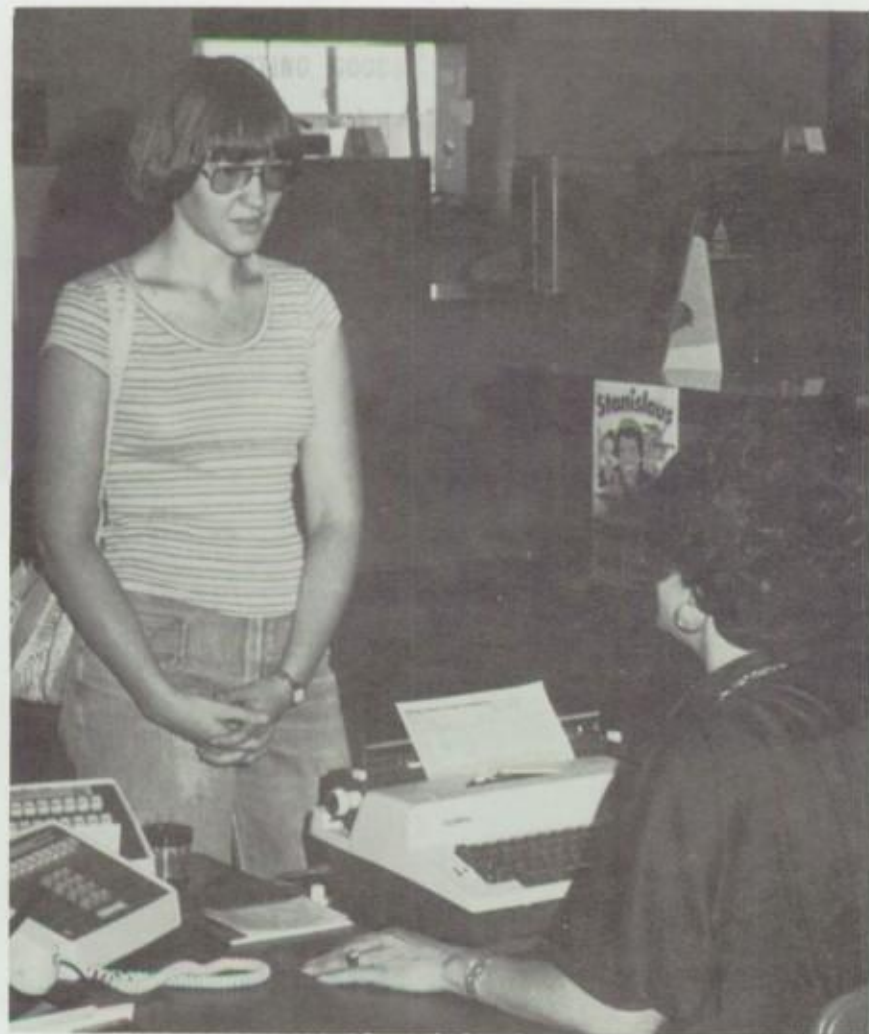
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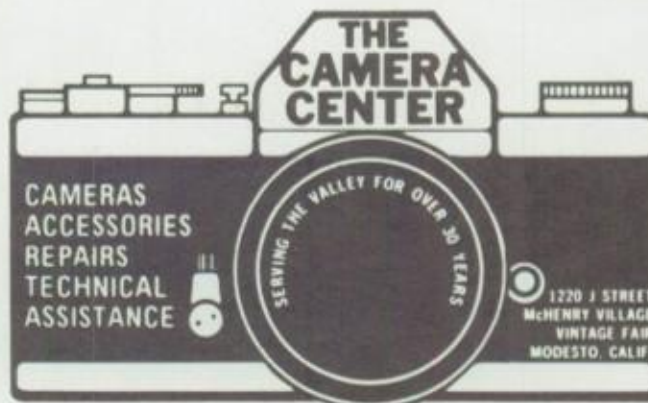
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D. take the bus	15%
E. other means	37%

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A. walk	55
B. ride a bike	5%
C. drive	90%
D. take the bus	0%

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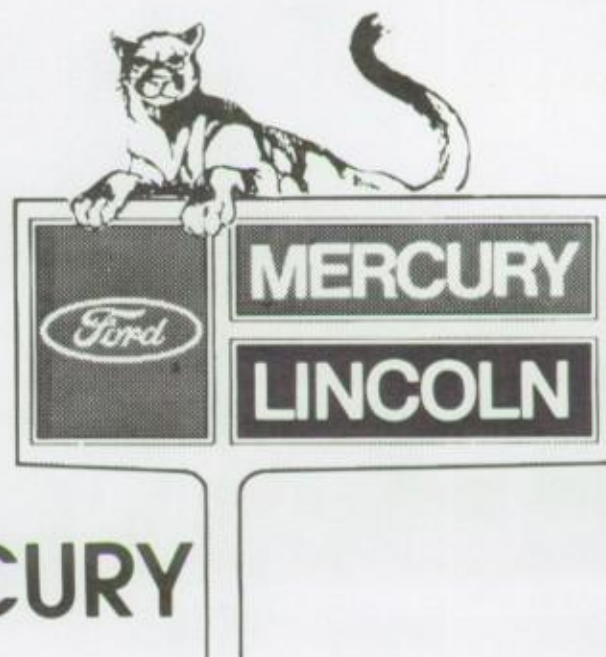
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| A. casual | 75% |
| B. sporty | 6% |
| C. dressy | 6% |
| D. jeans & T-shirts | 13% |

2. What type of shoes do you usually wear?

- | | |
|-----------------|-----|
| A. platforms | 6% |
| B. boots | 26% |
| C. casual | 66% |
| D. tennis shoes | 2% |

3. Do you buy or make most of your clothes?

- | | |
|---------|-----|
| A. buy | 93% |
| B. make | 7% |

4. Comments on why you wear the kinds of clothes you do.

"I wear the clothes I like and also feel comfortable in."

—Dena Avila (senior)

"Once in a while I wear something dressy, but most of the time I dress casually because I do a better job in school."

—senior girl

"I like to be comfortable in what I wear, but still look nice."

—Lori Conrad (senior)

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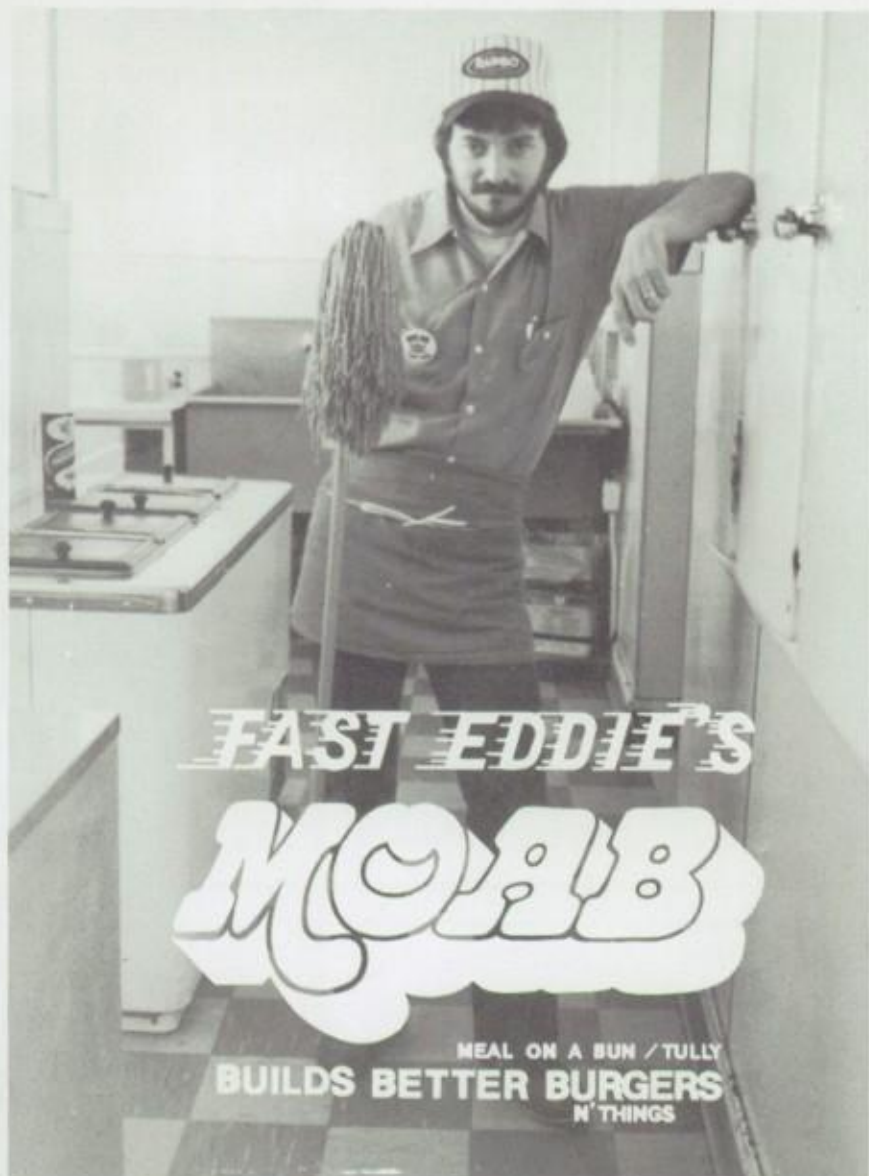


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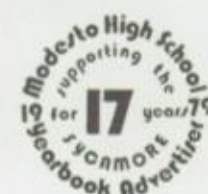
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1. How often do you go out to eat?

- A. almost never 21%
- B. 1-5 times a week 74%
- C. 6-10 times a week 5%

2. When do you go out to eat most often?

- A. breakfast 1%
- B. lunch 57%
- C. dinner 42%

3. What type of food do you like best?

- A. fast food 35%
- B. Mexican 20%
- C. Italian 15%
- D. American dinners 30%

4. Comments on why you choose restaurants or food service locations.

"The quality of the food served is most important to me."

—Anita Menghetti (senior)

"I like to take special people out to dinner. I don't like to stay home all the time."

—Dan Borba (senior)

"I go out because I enjoy having something special to eat once in a while."

—sophomore girl

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1. How do you spend most of your time when you're not in school?

- | | |
|----------------------|-----|
| A. job | 16% |
| B. sports | 16% |
| C. TV, entertainment | 11% |
| D. hobbies | 25% |
| E. homework | 16% |
| F. with friends | 16% |

2. What do you like to do in your spare time?

"I like playing basketball, practicing guitar, reading, and playing games with my family."

—Derek Shuman (sophomore)

"Riding motorcycles, getting away by myself for walks to think, and twirling rifle."

—Regina Avila (freshman)

"The little spare time I have, I spend with my fiance, finishing homework, or dancing Okie stomps."

—Margaret Payne (senior)

"I like to go bike riding, swimming, and playing sports."

—Steve Walker (sophomore)

"What spare time?"

—Laure Bradford (freshman)

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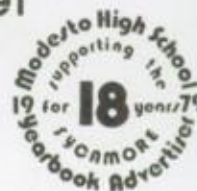


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which represent a cross section of the
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1. What kind of music do you like
to listen to?

A. rock	43%
B. disco	16%
C. country	12%
D. pop	21%
E. classical	8%

2. What kind of dances do you
prefer?

A. informal	35%
B. semi-formal	65%
C. formal	0%

3. What kind of music do you
prefer at dances?

A. fast	22%
B. slow	7%
C. both	71%

4. Comments on why you prefer
a certain type of music.

"Because I like music that has
a good beat, and rock usually
does."

—Terri Nation (senior)

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|----------------------|-----|
| A. college | 51% |
| B. vocational school | 20% |
| C. work | 16% |
| D. military | 13% |

2. Where do you plan to go to college?

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| A. Modesto JC | 55% |
| B. Cal State Stanislaus | 15% |
| C. other | 30% |

3. Comment on why you have made this choice.

"I'm not exactly sure what I want to do yet, but I'm not ready to move away from home."
 —Barbara Ustick

"To get as far away from Modesto as I can."
 —senior girl

"Because I want to make something out of my life."
 —Susan Haggard (freshman)

"The only way for me to get ahead is for Uncle Sam to put me through the training."
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Looking 'behind the scenes' tells the story of the year

Moving to a fall delivery schedule meant pushing deadlines later into the year. This gave the staff more time to plan, research, interview, and write copy for the page assignments they had received. Yet it also gave them more time to postpone, procrastinate, and become apathetic, with Sycamore production rolling at a frustratingly slow speed.

Thus, when deadlines came, few pages were completed, and the work which had been assigned to spread so evenly throughout the entire year was left until 'the last minute'—or later. A half-dozen 'regulars,' assisted by another half-dozen 'part-timers,' worked for three weeks after school was out to complete the book, which was scheduled for distribution September 15.

The 900 copies of the **Sycamore** were printed by Taylor Publishing Company of Covina, California, and Dallas, Texas, with expert advice and guidance from sales representative Viga Hall of Northridge. Books were again included as part

of the start-of-school Student Body Package, at the bargain rate of \$11, with the regular sale coming later at \$13 each. Ad sales were slow, but eventually equalled last year's record \$6700.

Paper stock is 80 pound semi-gloss enamel. Body and caption type used throughout the book is Futura Medium (also sometimes known as Techno Medium); headlines are Futura Extrabold, except for the cover, division pages, and essay pages, which are a combination of Abby Scroll and Manuscript, hand-set by the staff. Captions are set in 8 point justified; body copy in 10 point flush left; headlines in 18 point flush left; and index in 8 point demibold flush left.

The special design of the title on the cover, end sheets, and intro pages 5 and 147 was inspired by a similar design for the 'What's on Your Mind?' section of **Scholastic Scope** magazine. Artwork for the four designs was done by advisor Jim Shuman.

Layouts came from the 'What's Goin On?' design; the cover, opening,

and division pages were designed by Russell Lusk and Derek Shuman. The 'Profiles' pages are new this year; they are an attempt to provide a mini-layout of pertinent and related information about unique individuals in what is often a dull section of the book.

Color photography was mostly shot by editor Steve Bertozzi and photo editor Mike McCombs; Jim Costley of The Studio of Photography assisted with some of the classroom and similar on-campus shots. Over 17,500 black and white Tri-X exposures were made for the nearly 1200 candid photos used in the book.

Copy was set in 13 pica columns with an occasional 'break' in the pattern where necessary. Headlines of major varsity sports were set in 24 point for emphasis. By eliminating the traditional Sycamore Supplement, fall delivery planning meant the inclusion of more coverage for spring events, such as sports, the Prom, and Commencement, resulting in a 296-page book—the largest ever in the history of MHS!

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above: Yearbook staff members Colette Avila, Russell Lusk, Derek Shuman, Barbara Ustick, advisor Mr. Jim Shuman, Kirk Melson, and Bob Silva gather around editor Steve Bertozzi for a peek at the new **Sycamore**.

1978 Sycamore sweeps top national awards, earns local news coverage

January was a month of celebration for MHS yearbook people, as the 1978 **Sycamore** was named a Medalist winner in the Columbia Scholastic Press Association ratings, and then, two weeks later, received a 5-Star All-American award from the National Scholastic Press Association.

The **Sycamore** received 'Marks of Distinction' ratings of 970 in Photography, 950 in Copy, 2950 in Display, and perfect scores of 1000 each in Coverage and Concept. The NSPA judge commented, "I thought this book deserves a Mark of Distinction in all categories and ranks as All-American."

In its first try in recent years with CSPA, based in New York, the yearbook received an equivalent award, Medalist, which was given, said the judge, because the book "captured the Spirit of the School not only in copy but in pictures."

Jubilant editors felt their year-long effort had truly paid off when the **Sycamore** was named All-Valley by the San Joaquin Valley Scholastic Press Association at the March meeting in Fresno. Awarding the book 948 points out of a possible 1000, the SJVSPA judge was especially impressed with the photography and layout, calling them "superb."

The **Modesto Bee** featured the MHS yearbook staff in pictures and text with a full-page article on student journalism on Sunday, May 20. Earlier that month Bee staff writer Becky McClure had spent two hours interviewing advisor Jim Shuman and then returned a few days later during class time to talk to students and have Bee photographer Ted Benson take pictures.

top: 1978 yearbook editors Steve Rocha, Linda Nevitt, and Phil Johnson join with advisor Mr. Jim Shuman to examine the judges' remarks which came back with top awards from three separate rating services. **center panel of four:** various members of the 1979 yearbook staff are interviewed by **The Modesto Bee** reporter Becky McClure and photographer Ted Benson.

left: The first-ever yearbook picture sale, during which nearly 500 surplus pictures were purchased by students for 25¢ each, drew huge crowds to Room 50.



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pictured on page 17 at the Ookie Rally are: Rhonda Bradley, Susan Casey, Anita Vela, Nina Satriles, Ruth Richards, Kari Simas, Margaret Payne, Sheril Sather, Helen Jimenez, Susan Singleton, Laurie Bradford, Genise Van Duyn, Lori Conrad, Colette Avila, Bunny McHale.

pictured on page 159 at the Queen's Rally are: Conception Rivera, Gayle Davis, Sandy O'Dell, Mike Hatter, Rocky Vinnedge, Joe Schoonover, Cindy Wheaton, Tina Simpson, Denise Elinburg, Frank Gwerder, Bill Strohm, Russ Lusk, Art Fabela, Jeff Fletcher, Clay Schonoff, Dan Borba, Keith Watts, Dan Guzzi, Tom Ott, David Grays, Mark Ferguson, Dan May, Ken Faria, Mike Hyer.



far upper left: Editors Russell Lusk, Mike McCombs, and Steve Bertozzi plan their after-school work schedule.

upper center: Gymnast Kirk Melson skillfully performs a hand-over-hand movement on the high bar.

upper right: 'Foxes' Lori Conrad and Colette Avila are ecstatic over their 'wild and crazy' Czechoslovakian dates Yorg and Jorge, actually Don Boucher and Mark Ketchum.

left: Cowhand Theresa Brasil ambles through the courtyard on her way to the canteen.

center left: Michelle Curci, Debbi Stroud, and Edie Lau attempt to avoid the downpour while heading for English class.

far left: Copy editor Bob Silva busts out of his jeans with anger after receiving yet another poorly written yearbook story.

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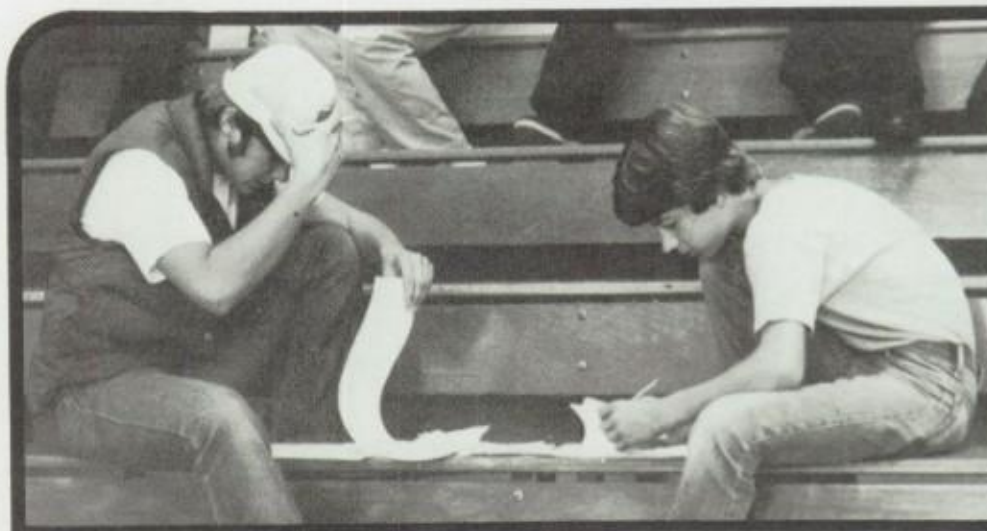
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above: Doug Gibson and Kurt Zellman suffer through the grueling registration process together.

upper center: Mrs. Phyllis Boteler finds it is difficult to hold her beginning art students' attention during a demonstration with principal Jim Sherman and a TV cameraman as distractions.

upper center right: Dolores France searches for her own negatives among the freshly developed ones hanging on the wall in Photojournalism class.

far upper right: Miguel Dominguez 'corks up' his headers on the unofficial 'Header Day' in order to avoid a ticket.

far right: Theresa Brasil puts on a happy face for a spirit day.

right: An exasperated Suzanne Crum stands among teammates Anna Sierra, Geraldine Nunes, Roxanne Jimenez, and Sharon Bertozzi, as she waits for the 'time out' to end.

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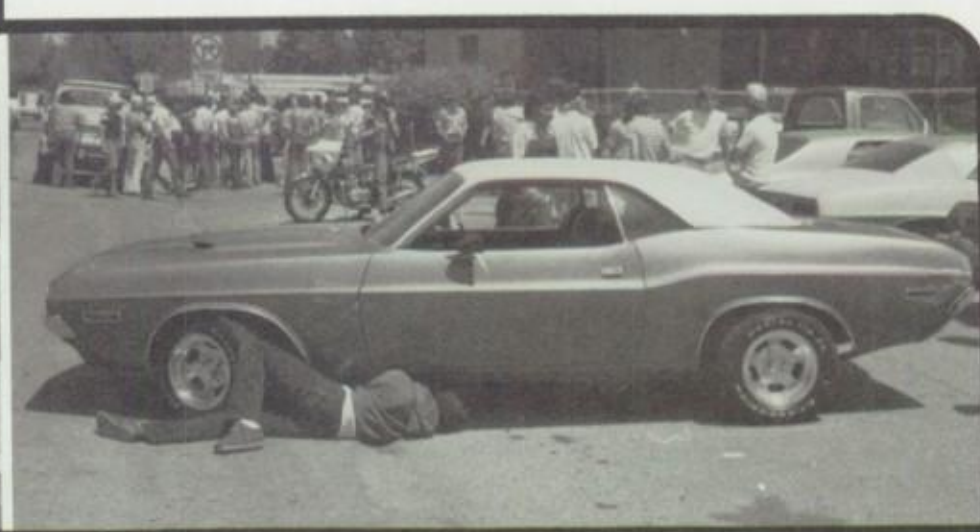
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far left: 'Star Patrolman' Robert Ball spaces out in the courtyard before an unbelieving Adam Crum.

far center left: During a fall rally, Kathy 'Rat' Fernandes sums up the progress of the Volleyball Team.

center left: Mike Hyer, alias principal Jim Sherman, relaxes at his desk during the fall Sycamore Assembly.

left: Photography student Dennis McCutcheon anticipates taking the 'perfect shot' at a recent rally.

below: Kathy Kunkel and Pam White perform 'Greased Lightning' in the courtyard on 50's Day.

lower center: Former teacher turned performer Pat Durr entertains English students in room 53.

lower center left: The 'real' Mr. Sherman strides toward the cafeteria during lunch period.

far lower left: Jazz players provide lunch-hour music in the courtyard during the spring Spirit Week.



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right: Campus supervisor Pete Rocha grabs the ball off the floor in a mad scramble in the faculty-varsity basketball game.

center right: Marty Usiak, Kara Bentsen, Mike Imelio and Tim Walker flank yearbook advisor Jim Shuman as they wait for the 80% eclipse to appear from behind the heavy overcast and attempt to take photographs.

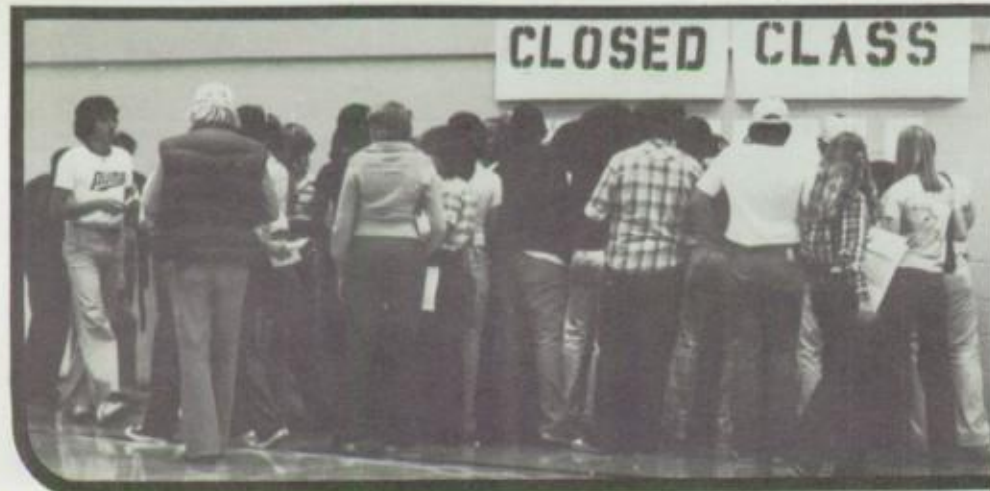
far right: 'Revolutionary' Alberto Velasquez remains in a robotic stance as 'Mexican-American' Carlos Heredia is displayed by 'Honest Sancho' Rick Simentel to 'Government Woman' Belia Palomar.

far lower right: 'Okie' Ruth Richards is intent on a close football game.

far lower center: Helen Jimenez hulas on Hawaiian Day.

lower right: Edie Lau leans forward for a closer look, and grimaces as she sees a picture of herself in the yearbook picture sale.

below: Students line up to see if one of their choices is a closed class before registration



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As seemingly significant personal 'tragedies' and 'emergencies' occur often in our lives at Modesto High—although they may appear as such—local, state, national, and world news around us distill our daily problems down to minute proportions. Rising gas prices, the continuing energy mess, Camp David peace talks, and Britain's recently-elected woman Prime Minister are all familiar items to us, although they are quickly forgotten unless in some way we are directly touched by their widespread significance.

The news items found on these pages by no means exhaust the list of major occurrences during the year 1978-79. Instead, they are the events and stories that most impressed the *Sycamore* staff, and those which best summarize the year as a whole.

By far the major story of the year, the horrifying end of the People's Temple, a California-based religious cult, left the world in shock and disbelief in November 1978.

The grisly events began unfolding in Jonestown, Guyana, a village built by cult members attempting to create a paradise in the seclusion of the South American jungle. On November 18, Bay-area Congressman Leo Ryan and four other Americans investigating reports of Americans being mistreated

to the East Coast at taxpayers' expense of \$3 million.

Inevitably bitterness erupted over whether the horrifying tragedy at Jonestown could have been prevented. Members of Congressman Ryan's staff claimed that the US Embassy in Georgetown should have known of the cult's potential for violence and given some warning. Stunned relatives of the victims charged that both the state department and the FBI should have heeded the warnings of strange goings-on in Jonestown.

It appears, though, that nothing could have helped, since there are important

But the present threat of the Skylab space station had many people worldwide fearful of being struck by debris from the 79-ton, 118-foot long space station—the largest man-made object in earth orbit—upon its scheduled re-entry into the stratosphere. The massive object will begin breaking up at an altitude of 65 miles, and two thirds of it will be burned to ashes by the intense heat generated when the craft plows through the atmosphere.

But an estimated 500 pieces will survive and hit—somewhere. Not knowing whether it will be land or sea is what most people fear. Half the pieces would

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were shot to death by cultists while trying to leave the colony by plane. Shortly thereafter approximately 900 men, women, and children died as a result of mass suicide and murder.

Directed by Reverend Jim Jones, People's Temple cult members lined up for paper cups of purple Kool-Aid poisoned with cyanide. Most members partook willingly of the mixture, as Jones had held previous practices of the suicide ritual to assure compliance with his orders, and to test members' loyalty.

Fearful, frightened parents used syringes to squirt the poison on the tongues of babies. Sometime during the holocaust, Reverend Jones shot himself. His wife had drunk the Kool-Aid mixture also. His two lawyers, along with a few uncooperative cultists, fled into the surrounding jungle area.

When the disaster in the jungle compound was discovered the next day, new problems arose. The Guyanese government delayed issuing death certificates, necessary before burial can take place. A shocked US sent large Air Force cargo planes and soldiers to return the bodies

above: Guyana mass suicide victims lie clustered around the pavilion of People's Temple after more than 900 people followed their leader's orders and drank poisoned Kool-Aid.

right: Modesto resident and People's Temple survivor Michael Prokes speaks in favor of the Temple before the suicide of Reverend Jim Jones; Prokes later also staged a media-covered suicide.

far upper right: President Jimmy Carter poses before a nationally televised address on the Panama Canal treaty.

center: A collage of headlines tells the story of the year.

legal restrictions against government interference in the affairs of Americans living abroad, as well as constitutional protection of groups claiming to be religious.

The blame for the Jonestown tragedy, thus falls totally on Jim Jones, an egoist believing he was divinely chosen, and who had the ultimate power of persuasion over his hundreds of followers.

Falling space objects are not uncommon. As of yet, none has been known to cause serious damage or injury. So far.



weigh less than ten pounds and impact with a speed of about 30 mph. Some of the pieces, however, will be much larger, and these will strike the surface at about 260mph. They include the 5000-pound air-lock shroud, a 3500-pound lead-lined film vault and six oxygen tanks each weighing 1000 pounds.

There are currently 4600 man-made objects in orbit, and 6600 others have already reentered the atmosphere. They have fallen at the rate of 33 per month for the last six months, but none has been anywhere near Skylab's size.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration is desperately trying to

'Baby of the Century.' Louise Joy Brown was the first human being ever to be conceived outside of her mother's body. Dr. Patrick Steptoe and his medical collaborator, physiologist Robert Edwards, had been perfecting this technique for nearly twelve years. Though the birth was definitely a major breakthrough in embryonic research, it touched off feverish debates from the scientific, legal, religious, and philosophical communities of the world. People fear the possibility that it may lead to the potential origination of surrogate mothers, the creation of super-beings, embryos nurtured to birth in artificial

Thatcher, first elected to Parliament in 1959, represented the London district of Finchley for 20 years. She fought her way up in the party to become its leader in 1975, and her strong views won her the nickname 'Iron Lady.'

An outspoken foe of communism and socialism, she vowed in her campaign to curb labor-union power, fight rising crime, cut income taxes, and reverse Britain's slide into a welfare state. Though Thatcher is respected by Jimmy Carter, he personally doesn't think highly of her, and it is still uncertain whether a comfortable relationship between the two leaders will be established.

U.S., Soviets agree on basic SALT issues
Investment may keep DC-10 fleet flying
Shah, family move to Mexico
SALT recap: Did Soviet U.S. get the best of it?
272 die in worst U.S. air disaster
Carter gas rationing plan passes Senate
Partial list of Chicago air crash fatalities
Thatcher with cancer
Ill-fated airliner just exploded in huge ball of fire
SALT summit in Vienna
Carter welcomes Brezhnev
Iraq oil price to zoom
Crude will go up by \$4 per barrel, possibly raise OPEC floor
Camp David talks continue behind cloak of secrecy
Poland's big day . . . Tumultuous welcome awaits pope
Electric chair takes first life in 12 years
SALT changes
Accident at Three-Mile spurs touris



Seldom has so much church history unfolded in such a short span of time before such a large audience. For two months in late summer and early autumn, Rome was once again the center of attention among the Christian world. Pope Paul VI died in the 15th year of his reign, on August 6, 1978. His successor, Pope John Paul I, died on September 28, after only 34 days as Pontiff. He was the first pope ever to adopt a double name: he chose the names of his two immediate predecessors, John XXIII and Paul VI.

On October 16, 1978, the College of Cardinals elected John Paul II, the youngest pope—58 years old—in 132 years, the first non-Italian in 455 years, and Poland's first pope ever. His activities in the first eight months of his reign have included numerous brief visits with the common people, a major trip to Mexico, and a widely-hailed visit to his homeland, the first time a Pope has ever visited a Communist country.

In his annual message to the nation in September, Mexico's President Lopez Portillo stated that proven petroleum

avert panic. The agency, which is responsible for Skylab, expects to be able to predict the 'plunge' 48 hours in advance—with a 20 percent margin for error, which could mean plus or minus a possible nine hours.

Meantime, NASA's latest prediction placed the estimated fall dates between July 10th and 20th. The likeliest day: Friday the 13th.

When she was born in Lancashire, England on July 25, 1978, the world hailed the first test-tube human as the

wombs, or even the altering of genes to produce the choice child, a clone.

Most people realized, however, that the birth symbolized further beneficial advances in medicine, such as steps toward the understanding of birth defects and the possibility of their prevention, and possibly even a surgical treatment for infertility.

Britain chose its new Conservative Prime Minister May 3, and as a result, the first woman ever elected to head a major European nation is in power. Margaret

reserves were now 20 billion barrels, probable reserves were 37 billion bbl., and potential resources 200 billion bbl. These reserves are potentially greater than those of Saudi Arabia, and the impact of his announcement on international oil politics was profound; the US began to reconsider its heavy dependence on Arabian oil fields.

The turmoil occurring in Iran came to a heated and bitter head as the Shah took a sudden 'vacation' in January, followed by the return of his enemy, the Ayatollah Khomeini, to establish an Islamic government in that important oil-producing nation.



how'd it HAPPEN?



Public opinion polls published in August 1978 showed that only about one third of the electorate approved of President Jimmy Carter's performance, an unusually low rating for a president in his first term. Two subsequent events—one in foreign affairs and the other domestic—temporarily reversed Carter's declining popularity.

Carter's single most dramatic achievement in foreign affairs was the bringing about of a tentative agreement between Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat. The two leaders accepted Carter's invitation to meet at Camp David, Maryland, in September. After nearly two weeks of talks, Begin and Sadat agreed to sign a peace treaty within three months and agreed to work toward other agreements.

At the end of three months, though, Israel and Egypt had failed to sign a peace treaty, despite their pledge at Camp David. The two sides hadn't met since November 16, since neither was willing to compromise on certain issues, and it was only with further delicate

negotiations arranged by the US that they finally signed a treaty in April, 1979.

A more controversial achievement of the Carter administration in foreign affairs during 1978 was Senate ratification of the Panama Canal Treaties. The Senate threatened the agreement that had been reached with Panama by attaching 'reservations' to the treaties, including the stipulation that the United States could intervene militarily if the canal were closed. In spite of considerable opposition to the treaties as amended, the Panamanian government accepted them, and Carter attended ratification ceremonies in Panama City in June.

Carter's successes in foreign affairs during 1978-79, however, were tempered by persistent economic difficulties at home. The president's most decisive moves in domestic affairs were his attempts to slow inflation and to support the value of the US dollar, both actions that won him considerable support.

The Carter administration ended the 1978 year with the news that the US would recognize Red China, and Chairman Teng paid a two-week state visit in

Legislative leaders select

By LARRY COOPER and CHERRY CLARK

WASHINGTON — Senate and House leaders have selected their top priorities for the 1979 legislative session. The House has chosen a package of bills to deal with the economy, while the Senate has focused on energy and foreign affairs.

Radioactivity is found

California rebels

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with Carter on

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January. Officials were also busy putting final touches to the SALT II treaty with Russia, which Carter and Brezhnev finally signed late in the spring.

What began with a brief but terrible bump in the night on March 28, 1979 quickly grew into the worst commercial nuclear accident in US history. At the Three Mile Island power plant near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, a balky valve malfunctioned, setting off an intricate chain of mechanical and human failures. In the control room of the plant's Unit II, warning lights flashed and an electronic alarm rang. Two workers studied the

alarms and meters as the plant veered toward a state of emergency. Keeping their heads on, they pushed and pulled as many as 50 buttons and levers in fifteen seconds and the reactor shut down. But it wasn't enough.

Within minutes, there was a serious leak of radioactive steam—and several more in the days following—spreading over an area up to 20 miles from the plant. Many experts agreed that the radiation posed no immediate threat to health, but others warned of cancer, genetic damage, and other long-term effects from the low-level emissions.

As the radiation spread into the country-

American Airlines DC-10 outside Chicago's O'Hare International Airport in May left Americans and families of passengers stunned. The only clues to the tragic crash, which killed all 274 people on board, were a single broken bolt and a fractured flange from an engine mounting. Their discovery prompted the Federal Aviation Administration to order airports all over the country to check similar parts in other DC-10s.

When two mechanics at O'Hare International discovered while checking a DC-10 that they could move a loose engine by hand, the FAA grounded all 138 DC-10s in the US fleet for thorough inspection.

leaving the runway during takeoff on May 25, the number 1 engine on the left wing ripped loose, flipped over the wing, and skidded 400 feet along the runway. The broken bolt, found later, did not cause the engine to fall off as many had suspected, but instead was a result of the accident. Officials speculate that when the engine dismounted, it severed fuel lines and probably the vital hydraulic control lines as well, which resulted in the fatal crash only seconds later.

The last total solar eclipse in North America during the 20th Century

to probe oil situation

State gas shortage worse; U.S. probing

'Closed' signs greet weekend motorists at 90% of stations

Maddy, Thurman race to wire in run

Seco shutdown

crazy things are happening

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Maddy victorious in Se

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Unprecedented hearings begin

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side, pregnant women and preschool children within five miles were evacuated from their homes and everyone else was advised to remain indoors. For a few hours, Governor Richard Thornburgh considering ordering a mass evacuation.

Precariously close to a 'China Syndrome' meltdown of the reactor core, the accident showed once again how little scientists really know about the dangers of low-level radiation—particularly the possibility that even small doses can eventually cause cancer.

Acknowledged as the worst aviation accident in US history, the crash of an

upper left: The four cooling towers and two containment buildings comprise the Three Mile Island Nuclear Power Plant near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

far left: A grounded DC-10 waits for an engine inspection.

below: Steve Bertozzi reads in amazement of Skylab's crash in the Australian Desert.

right: The new Susan B. Anthony dollars fit into place among a slightly smaller quarter and older-style dollars.

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occurred on Monday, February 26, 1979, to the amazement and wonder of millions of US citizens.

The phenomenon is caused when the moon passes between the sun and the earth. The total eclipse, with the sun completely blocked, lasted 2 to 3 minutes at points along the path. But the entire process in which the moon crosses the sun lasts much longer, from 2 to 3 hours. Nearly all of North America outside the total-eclipse path experienced a partial eclipse.

Modesto residents had to be quick to see the 80% eclipse, as there was a persistent cloud cover during most of the time, but patient observers were rewarded by occasional breaks in the clouds which showed a mere crescent instead of the more customary orb in the sky.

More than 40 million spectators—a record—paid to watch major league baseball in 1978, one of the most memorable years in the sport's history. The popular Los Angeles Dodgers became the first team to draw three million in one season.

The Yankees, dismissed as non-

As a result, 68 planes were found to have problems serious enough to keep them out of the air until repairs were made. Even with the investigations, however, the FAA still does not know what caused the fatal plane's engine to dismount.

It is reported that as the plane was

long. At the end of my term, I will have spent ten years on the council. That's about enough for anyone."

Last September 29, Mary Vincent, a 15 year old Las Vegas resident, was hitch-hiking to Los Angeles through Berkeley, when Lawrence Singleton of Nevada offered her a ride. He took her instead to Del Puerto Canyon, 25 miles west of Modesto, where he raped her, chopped off her arms with an axe, and stuffed her into a culvert, leaving her for dead.

She was found the next morning, naked and bloody, by a passing motorist, as she struggled along the roadside looking

Left: Barbara Ustick and Colette Avila celebrate Mickey Mouse's 50th birthday with friend Pooh Bear upon their return from Disneyland.

Below: Sharon Bertozzi admires the physique of Superman while reading of the movie's success.

Lower right: Spiraling gas prices plague Californians with uncertainty and concern, having increased 50% from last fall's 60¢ per gallon prices.

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for help. Singleton was brought to trial in San Diego, and after three days of deliberations the jury found him guilty of seven felony counts, including kidnapping, rape, and mutilation, and sentenced him to fourteen years in prison.

Modesto resident Michael Prokes was a physical survivor of the Jonestown tragedy, but apparently he was psychologically unable to cope with the reality of his situation. A deep depression had come over him since the event, prompting him to end his life. In March, Prokes called a press conference at a Modesto motel room, which was attended by eight members of the press. He read a five-page statement praising the works of his former leader Jim Jones. After he finished reading, he went into the bathroom and shot himself in the head with a .38 caliber revolver. The news-men's efforts to save him were futile, and he died three hours later, leaving behind a one-page suicide note, and a bewildered family.

Graffiti 79 may go down in Modesto's history as the night 50,000 people drove aimlessly around in an estimated 10,000 cars.

This year was the first that Graffiti Night was organized, with car club members meeting repeatedly with police to plan the event. It was agreed to barricade the downtown streets in order to attract

people downtown and another 20,000 on McHenry.

The event started spontaneously on McHenry Avenue, the currently favorite 'cruisin' strip, four years ago on the first Saturday night after high school graduation. This year though, it wasn't all kids, as it had been in the past; older drivers were also the cruisers, reliving their early teenage years.

At midnight, many families who had come out to observe the fancy cars went home. The cruising set headed for their more familiar turf, McHenry, which eventually resembled a blanket of cars; traffic did not settle down to a normal Saturday night until after 3:00 am Sunday morning.

Miss Black Teenage Modesto, MHS sophomore Patti Peterson, won the title of Miss Black Teenage California on June 30, 1979. Patti was the high-point winner in the spontaneous expression, sportswear, and evening wear categories. Patti will represent California in the national Miss Black Teenage World pageant, scheduled in August at Norfolk, Virginia.

The Modesto City Schools Board of Education took on a new look in April, with incumbent Richard Patterson narrowly defeated in his bid for re-election by newcomer Stephen Greenbeaux. Harriet Kirschen, also up for re-election, was handily returned to the office she has

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most of the Saturday night crowd away from McHenry Avenue, the site of previous years' 'spontaneous' Graffiti Nights.

Modesto teenagers and their older counterparts revived a 1950s and early 60s tradition of cruisin' 10th and 11th Streets, a Modesto pastime popularized in George Lucas' famous movie, 'American Graffiti.' At the peak, Modesto police estimated there were 30,000

held for the past 15 years.

During May, the Board began to soften its position taken in February, and by June most of the 'fired' teachers had been re-hired, despite lack of action by the state legislature which would guarantee adequate funding. Modesto High was faced with only two staff members still not returned: Maridale Smith for one period of German, and Chris Eden for two periods of Dance.

KEEPIN IT GOIN

Freshmen enter MHS unaware that high school will teach them much more than higher math, typing, or how to overhaul an engine. Even some seniors may not fully realize how they learned so much about themselves and others, or where they got the confidence and self-assurance that can only come by experiencing high school life, from the time spent 'hitting the books' to that spent 'cruising' McHenry.

Timid freshmen, wanting desperately to be normal like everyone else, develop in four short years into self-confident seniors, doing their own thing and dressing their own way. The lessons they learn about love and friendship will stay with them throughout life, helping them to grow and assume responsibilities still unthought of.

Arriving with conflicting loyalties, students develop throughout high school a sense of Panther patriotism as they continuously yet unconsciously mature. With the guidance of teachers and counselors, they begin to discover and evaluate personal values while learning the worth of being a part of MHS.

Leaving behind the security of adolescence for the uncertainty of adulthood in a world of change, members of the Class of '79 proudly join in the tradition of the oldest and best school around, Modesto High School.



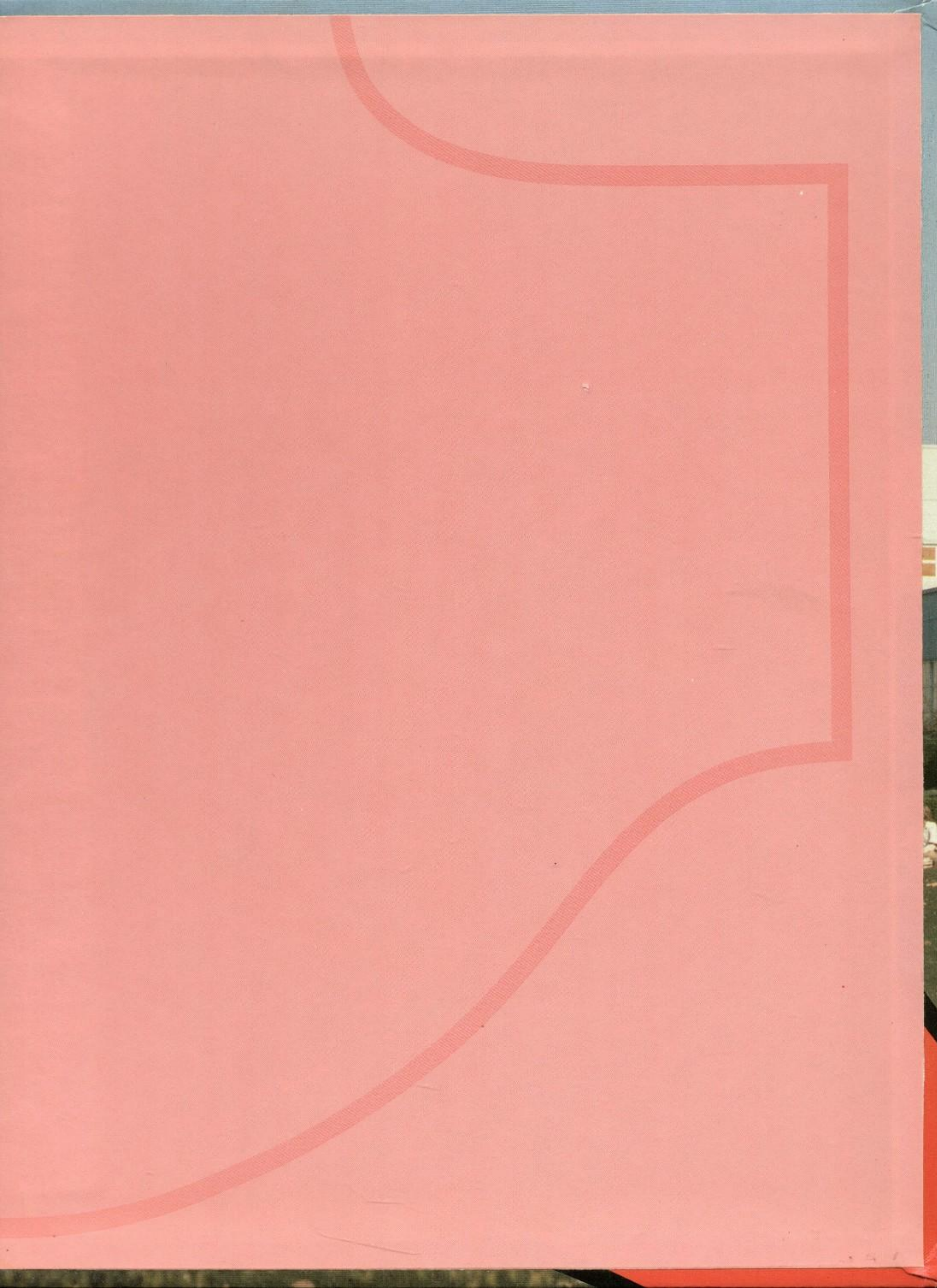
top: Lita Love and Suzanne Osterero carry on the tradition of selecting class rings.

above: Receiving a diploma is the final goal of high school life.

right: Freshmen 'look up' to seniors while the freedom felt 'across the street' continues to attract students from all grade levels.









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